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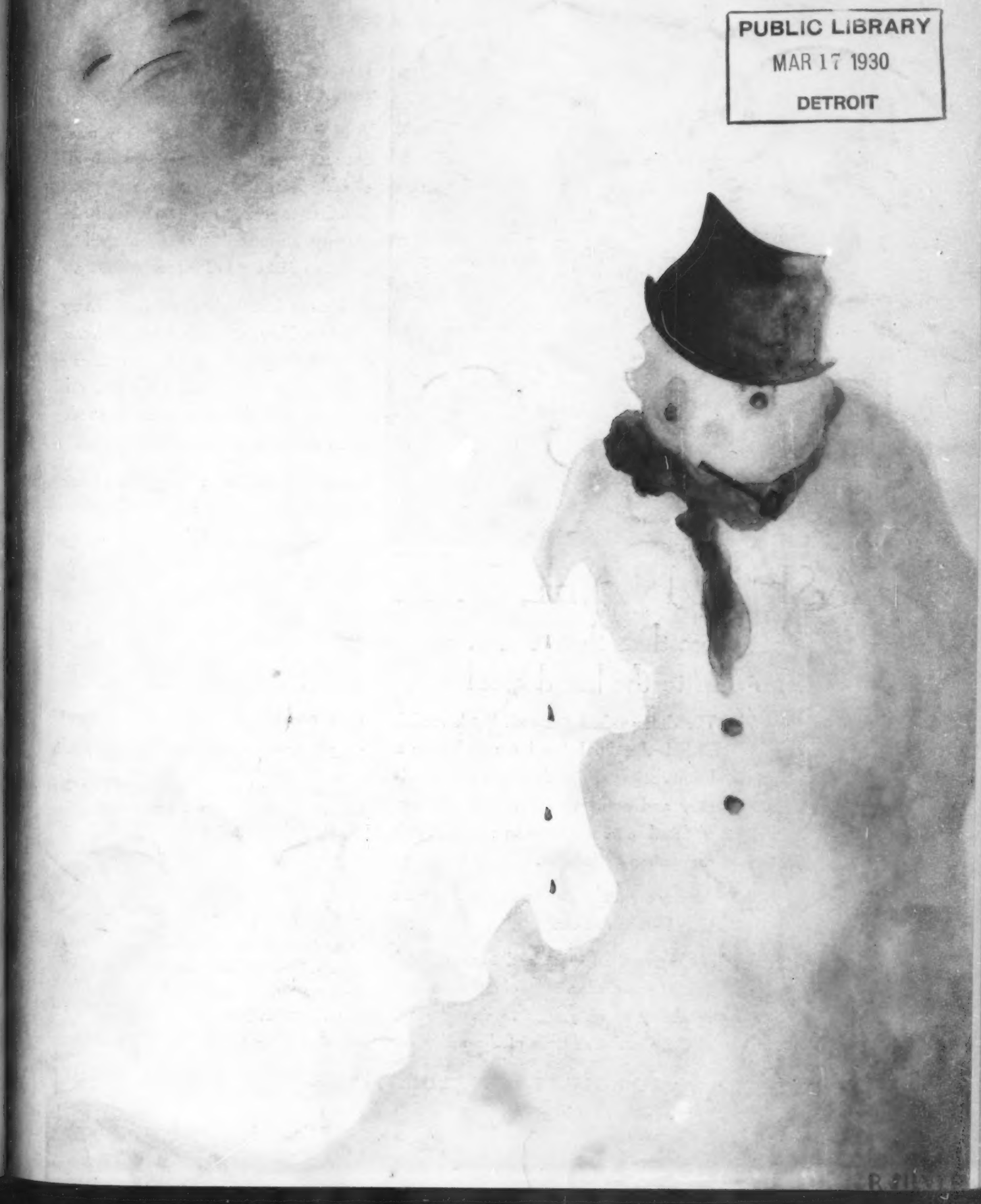

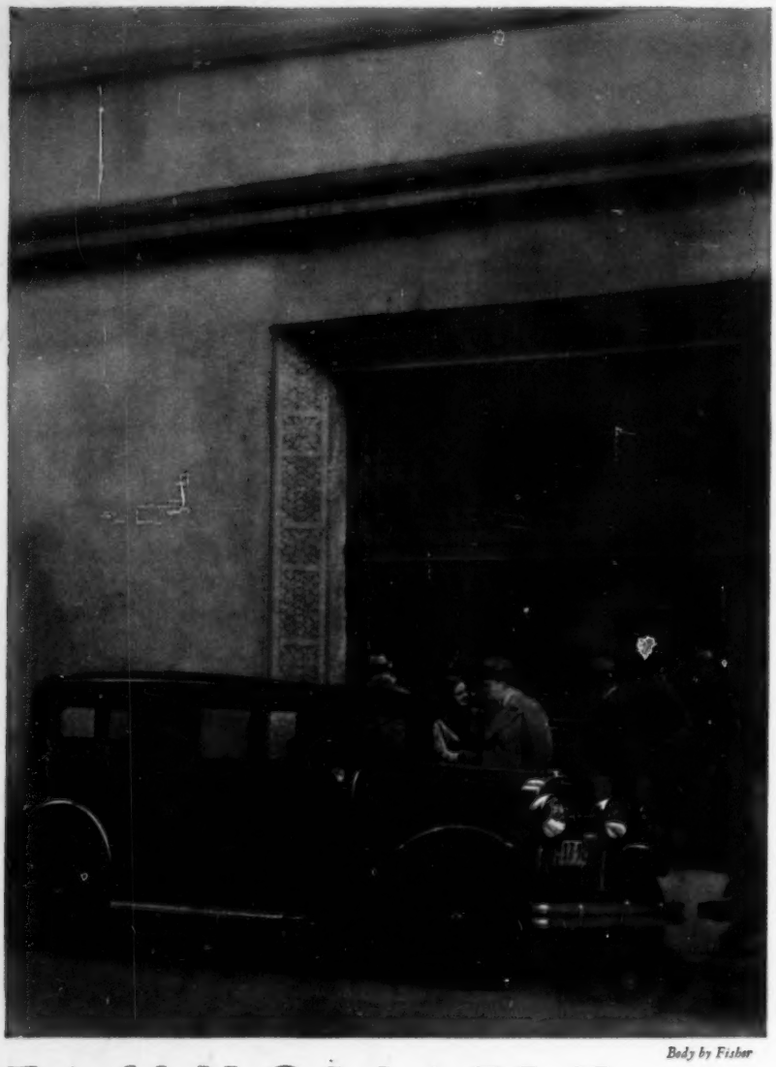

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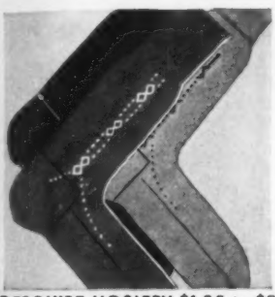

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GOINGS ON ABOUT TOWN

A CONSCIENTIOUS CALENDAR OF EVENTS ESPECIALLY WORTH WHILE

THE THEATRE

(Unless otherwise noted, it is assumed that curtains will rise at 2:30 and 8:50 P.M. for attractions listed under "PLAYS;" at 2:30 and 8:30 P.M. for those under "WITH MUSIC;" and that the mid-week matinée will be given on Wednesday. E. and W. stand for East and West of Broadway.)

PLAYS

THE APPLE CART—The Theatre Guild giving Shaw a very good break in the presentation of several of his pet theories. (Martin Beck, 45, W. 8:30 P.M. Mat. Thurs.)

APRON STRINGS—The story of a mother who kept giving her son advice even after she was dead—to the irritation of his young wife. (Cort, 48, E.)

AT THE BOTTOM—A revised version of Gorki's "The Lower Depths," which is still "The Lower Depths." You know that by now. (Waldorf, 50, E. 8:40 P.M. Mats. 2:40 P.M.)

BERKELEY SQUARE—A young man goes back a hundred and fifty years and almost upsets the Scheme of Things by falling in love with the wrong girl. Leslie Howard's performance is superb. (Lyceum, 45, E. 8:30 P.M. Mat. Thurs.)

BIRD IN HAND—Three travellers aid the daughter of a stubborn old English innkeeper to marry against her father's wishes. A quietly amusing comedy by John Drinkwater. (49th Street, 49, W.)

BROKEN DISHES—Home-life comedy with Donald Meek as the turning worm. You could do lots worse. (Masque, 45, W.)

CHILDREN OF DARKNESS—A really literate comedy of eighteenth-century family life in Newgate Prison, with possibly a little too much writing but enough originality and distinction to more than make up for it. Basil Sydney and Mary Ellis head an excellent cast. Last two days. (Biltmore, 47, W. Closes Sat., Mar. 15.)

CIVIC REPERTORY THEATRE—Directed by Eva Le Gallienne—"The Cherry Orchard," Tchekov's exquisite play. (Fri. Eve., Mar. 14.) . . . "Peter Pan," revival of the Barrie fantasy. (Sat. Mats., Mar. 15 and 22.) . . . "The Sea Gull," another excellent Tchekov production. (Sat. and Wed. Eves., Mar. 15 and 19.) . . . "The Women Have Their Way," pleasant comedy by the Brothers Quintero. (Mon. Eve., Mar. 17; Thurs. Mat., Mar. 20.) . . . "The Living Corpse," Tolstoian drama, with Jacob Ben-Ami. (Tues. Eve., Mar. 18.) . . . "The Cradle Song," Sierra's tender little play. (Thurs. Eve., Mar. 20.) . . . "The Master Builder," Ibsen and Eva Le Gallienne. (Fri. Eve., Mar. 21.) . . . "La Locandiera," eighteenth-century Italian comedy. (Sat. Eve., Mar. 22.) (Civic Repertory, 14, W. of 6 Ave. 2:30 and 8:30 P.M.)

DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY—Philip Merivale as the not-so-grim Reaper who finds, during a three-day layoff, that Love, as they say, is stronger than Death. (Ethel Barrymore, 47, W.)

DISHONORED LADY—Katharine Cornell superb in a good straightforward melodrama of a lady who kills her beau to take a husband. (Empire, B'way at 40, 8:40 P.M.)

EVERYTHING'S JAKE!—Some of Don Marquis' bibulous characters go with the Old Soak to Paris. The play has two very funny scenes to thank for its success. (Bijou, 45, W.)

THE FIRST MRS. FRASER—St. John Ervine's pleasant retelling of the old story of the witty wife whose errant husband comes back. Immeasurably helped by the presence of Grace George, A. E. Matthews, and Lawrence Grossmith. (Playhouse, 48, E. Mats. Wed. and Thurs.)

THE GREEN PASTURES—Easily the most unusual and satisfying play of the season. An all-Negro cast in a naive account of the Old Testament. (Mansfield, 47, W. 8:30 P.M.)

IT'S A WISE CHILD—Farcical comedy rich in character and situation, delightfully played by a Belasco cast. (Belasco, 44, E. 8:40 P.M. Mat. Thurs. 2:40 P.M.)

JOURNEY'S END—A beautiful and moving play of the war as British officers lived it. (Henry Miller, 43, E. 8:30 P.M. Mat. Thurs.)

JUNE MOON—There is a good, honest laugh every two minutes in this epic of a song writer. Ring Lardner and George Kaufman have seen to that, and a good cast makes sure of it. (Broadhurst, 44, W. 8:40 P.M.)

THE LAST MILE—A finely wrought, but harrowing, account of an attempted jail-break, with death on the loose. (Harris, 42, W.)

METEOR—Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne as the superman and his wife who come to a parting of the ways because of his supermanhood. Last two days. (Guild, 52, W. Closes Sat., Mar. 15.)

MICHAEL AND MARY—A very nice combination of some of the things that A. A. Milne does best, with a minimum of treacle. (Charles Hopkins, 49, E. 8:40 P.M. Mats. Wed. and Thurs. 2:40 P.M.)

REBOUND—A comedy with serious moments, telling of a young lady who had trouble in holding men. Hope Williams assisted by Donald Ogden Stewart, the author. (Plymouth, 45, W. Mat. Thurs. 2:40 P.M.)

STREET SCENE—Life, love, and sudden death, in a New York tenement, vividly portrayed. (Ambassador, 49, W. 8:40 P.M.)

STRICTLY DISHONORABLE—Real light comedy and worth seeing. Don't think it's salacious simply because a young girl is almost seduced. It is very, very clean. (Avon, 45, W. Mat. Thurs.)

SUBWAY EXPRESS—A Van Cortlandt Park express made much more interesting than usual by a trick murder. (Republic, 42, W.)

TOPAZE—A pleasant little play from the French, telling of a school teacher who finds the secret of business success. Frank Morgan is excellent. (Music Box, 45, W. 8:40 P.M. Mat. Thurs.)

VOLPONE—Last performances of this Theatre Guild revival, with Earle Larimore and Sylvia Field. (Liberty, 42, W. Closes Sat., Mar. 15.)

WITH MUSIC

BITTER SWEET—An "operette" by Noel Coward which has Miss Evelyn Laye and everything else except humor. (Shubert, 44, W. Closes Sat., Mar. 22.)

EARL CARROLL SKETCH BOOK—Pretty girls and questionable humor. Will Mahoney and the antics of The Three Sailors are particularly recommended. (46th Street, 46, W. Mat. Thurs.)

FIFTY MILLION FRENCHMEN—A Cole Porter score worked into a fast American tour of Paris, with a lot of laughs, and a cast that includes William Gaxton, Genevieve Tobin, and Helen Broderick. (Lyric, 42, W.)

FLYING HIGH—Bert Lahr making a good show into a grand one. (Apollo, 42, W.)

HEADS UP!—Victor Moore is very funny, aided by Betty Starbuck, Jack Whiting, and Barbara Newberry, in a regulation musical comedy with a tuneful Rodgers-and-Hart score. (Alvin, 52, W.)

RIPPLES—One of those shows in which the presence of Fred Stone and most of his family is the main event. (New Amsterdam, 42, W.)

SIMPLE SIMON—It doesn't really make much difference how old the gags are, because Ed Wynn pulls them. Some wonderful dancing. (Ziegfeld, 6 Ave. at 54. Mat. Thurs.)

SONS O' GUNS—Even if this weren't an excellent musical show in general, it would have Jack Donahue, which would make it one in particular. (Imperial, 45, W.)

STRIKE UP THE BAND—A musical comedy which ought to be made compulsory for those who are war-minded. Bobby Clark is at his funniest, and the Gershwins have written a very good score. (Times Square, 42, W. Mat. Thurs.)

SWEET ADELINE—A musical hit replete with good stuff (and some dull stuff), Helen Morgan, Charles Butterworth, and Jerome Kern music. (Hammerstein, B'way at 53.)

WAKE UP AND DREAM—Mr. Cochran's very British revue, which has Jack Buchanan and Jessie Matthews, and a corps of fine dancers headed by Tilly Losch. Not the best of the British revues, but nice enough. (Selwyn, 42, W. Mat. Thurs.)

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RUTH DRAPER—Don't miss this one-woman repertory company. (Comedy, 41, E. Sun., Tues., Wed., and Fri. Eves., 8:50 P.M. Mats. Thurs. and Sat., 2:50 P.M.)

MEI LAN-FANG—The distinguished Chinese actor and company in selections from classical Chinese drama. (National, 41, W. 8:50 P.M. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2:30 P.M. Engagement ends Sat., Mar. 22.)

JAPANESE PLAYERS—Wham Bang under the cherry blossoms. (Booth, 45, W. 8:30 P.M. Mats. Wed. and Sat. 2:30 P.M.)

DANCE RECITAL—Second recital by Nimura, the Japanese dancer, assisted by Pauline Koner. Sun. Eve., Mar. 16. (New Yorker, formerly Gallo, 54, W. 8:45 P.M.)

VAUDEVILLE—Ted Healy and the Michon Brothers are at the Palace Fri., Mar. 14. Ricardo Cortez will be there for the week starting Sat. Aft., Mar. 15. (Palace, B'way at 47. 2:20 and 8:20 P.M. daily; extra performance Sun. at 5:20 P.M.)

FOR CHILDREN—The Juvenile Players in "Rip Van Winkle," Sat. Aft., Mar. 15, at 2:30. (Heckscher, 5 Ave. at 104.) . . . The Charlotte Lund Opera Co. presents "Tales of Hoffmann," Sat. Aft., Mar. 15, at 2:15. (Roerich Hall, Riverside Dr. at 103.)

OPENINGS OF NOTE

(There are often last-minute changes, so you'd better verify dates.)

A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY—The Theatre Guild's production of Turgenev's play, with Alla Nazimova. Opens Mon. Eve., Mar. 17. (Guild, 52, W. 8:30 P.M. Mat. Thurs.)

THE MATRIARCH—A play by G. B. Stern and Frank Vernon based on Miss Stern's novel,

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with Constance Collier. Opens Tues., Mar. 18. (Longacre, 48, W. 8:40 P.M.)

Opened too late for review in this issue:

LOVE, HONOR, AND BETRAY—Alice Brady in a play from the French of M. Antoine. (Eltinge, 42, W. 8:45 P.M.)

THE RIVALS—Mrs. Fiske in a revival of Sheridan's play. (Erlanger, 44, W. 8:30 P.M.)

AFTER THEATRE ENTERTAINMENT

*Better dress, but not obligatory.

AMBASSADOR GRILL, Park at 51 (Wickersham 1000)—Pleasant and Park Avenue.*

CENTRAL PARK CASINO (Rhinelander 3034)—Dancing to Leo Reisman's music.*

CLUB LIDO, 7 Ave. at 52 (Columbus 2840)—Moss and Fontana dancing for a smart after-theatre crowd. Must dress.

CLUB MONTMARTRE, 205 W. 50 (Circle 6673)—Always a favorite. Larry Siry's orchestra, with dancing by Murphy and Johnson. Must dress.

CLUB RICHMAN, 157 W. 56 (Circle 3203)—With Harry Richman as the main attraction, assisted by Ann Pennington and Norma Terriss.*

SEAGLADE, Hotel St. Regis, 5 Ave. at 55 (Plaza 4500)—Vincent Lopez music and undersea decorations. Dances by Gomez and Winona. Must dress.

VILLA VALLÉE, 10 E. 60 (Volunteer 0351)—Rudy Vallée and his orchestra.*

BROADWAY ATMOSPHERE—A few of the more interesting places of this type are: Casanova, 151 W. 54 (Circle 7893), where you will find Fred Keating, Alice Boulden, and Mary Charles.* . . . Hollywood Restaurant, B'way at 48, has an elaborate revue and no cover charge. . . . The Night Boat, 117 W. 48, is a new arrival, with June Day. . . . The Salon Royal, 310 W. 58, is open all night, with Florence.

GREENWICH VILLAGE—Don Dickerman's Daffydil, 46 W. 8 (Spring 0223), is an amusingly decorated place, with music by the California Collegians. . . . Barney's, 85 W. 3 (Spring 8191), has an uptown clientele and is very good fun. . . . The County Fair, 54 E. 9, has Paxton, the mental marvel. . . . The Dome, 52 W. 8; The Four Trees, 1 Sheridan Sq.; and Mori's, 144 Bleecker, are informal, pleasant, and not too costly.

RUSSIAN MOTIF—Little Russia, 100 W. 57, is agreeably romantic. . . . Way Down East and inexpensive: The Russian Art, 2 Ave. at 12; and The Russian Kretchma, 244 E. 14.

NOTE—The address of the Embassy Club, open to members only, is 151 E. 57 (Volunteer 4900). Must dress.

MOTION PICTURES

(All-talking, unless otherwise noted.)

DEVIL MAY CARE—Ramon Novarro as a very romantic Bonapartist in the days of Elba. (Sheridan, 7 Ave. at 12; Sat. through Mon., Mar. 15-17; performances continuous from 1 P.M.)

DISRAELI—George Arliss playing the great minister again, in a screen version that should satisfy the fastidious public. (Central, B'way at 47; 2:45 and 8:45 P.M.; Sun., 3, 6, and 8:45 P.M.)

THE GREEN GODDESS—George Arliss as a suave but wicked rajah in a polite melodrama. (Winter Garden, B'way at 50; 2:45 and 8:45 P.M.; Sun., 3, 6, and 8:45 P.M.)

THE LOVE PARADE—Maurice Chevalier in an attractive comedy with music. (Rivoli, B'way at 49; performances continuous from 9 A.M.)

NOT SO DUMB—Our old acquaintance, "Dulcy," with Marion Davies and some good laughs. (Sheridan, 7 Ave. at 12; Thurs. and Fri., Mar. 20 and 21; performances continuous from 1 P.M.)

PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ—Lively and amusing songs. Harry Richman and Joan Bennett are in it. (Earl Carroll, 7 Ave. at 50; 2:45 and 8:45 P.M.; extra performance Sun. at 5:45 P.M.)

ROADHOUSE NIGHTS—Helen Morgan, Jimmie Durante, and Charles Ruggles in a story of rum-runners and roadhouses by Ben Hecht. (Lexington, Lexington at 51; Thurs. and Fri., Mar. 20 and 21; performances continuous from 1 P.M.)

THE ROGUE SONG—Mr. Tibbett of the Metropolitan in an operetta of bandits and gypsies and Russian countesses. (Astor, B'way at 45; 2:50 and 8:50 P.M.; extra performances Sat. and Sun. at 6 P.M., and Sat. at 11:45 P.M.)

SEVEN DAYS LEAVE—A gentle and expert screening of Barrie's "The Old Lady Shows Her Medals," with Beryl Mercer and Gary Cooper. (Plaza, 58, E. of Madison; Fri., Mar. 14; performances continuous from noon.)

SONG O' MY HEART—John McCormack's talkie début. Opened too late for review in this issue. (44th Street, 44, W. of B'way; 2:45 and 8:45 P.M.)

THE VAGABOND KING—The musical show of the poet who ruled old Paris for a week, with Dennis King. (Criterion, B'way at 44; 2:45 and 8:45 P.M.; Sat. and Sun., 3, 6, and 8:45 P.M.)

NEWS REEL THEATRE—All you want of current events for a quarter. (Embassy, B'way at 46; continuous from 10 A.M. to midnight.)

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Also recommended, if you run across them: "The Bishop Murder Case," mystery and Mother Goose, from the Van Dine story; "Hit the Deck," the song "Hallelujah" well done, with Jack Oakie helping along the rest of the show; "Street of Chance," stud poker on a big scale along Broadway, with William Powell.

ART

DAVIES—Memorial exhibition of the works of Arthur B. Davies: Gallery D6, Metropolitan Museum of Art. Open weekdays 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Sat. until 10:45 P.M.; Sun. 1 to 6 P.M.

HAVEMEYER—The H. O. Havemeyer collection on view at last: Galleries 20-25, Metropolitan Museum of Art. Open weekdays 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.; Sat. until 10:45 P.M.; Sun. 1 to 6 P.M.

INDEPENDENTS—Big annual show: 4th floor, Grand Central Palace, Lexington at 46. Open weekdays 10 A.M. to 10 P.M.; Sun. 2 to 10 P.M.

KUNIYOSHI—A comprehensive showing of one of the best young Americans: Daniel, 600 Madison, above 57. Open weekdays 10 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

LIVING ART—Permanent exhibition of twentieth-century Americans and Europeans: New York University, 100 Wash. Sq. E. Open weekdays 8 A.M. to 9 P.M.; Sat. until 5 P.M.

MAX WEBER—Retrospective exhibition of paintings and drawings. Also paintings by Paul Klee, and sculpture by Maillol and Lehmbruck: Museum of Modern Art, 12th floor, Heckscher Bldg., 5 Ave. at 57. Open daily 10 A.M. to 6 P.M., and 8 to 10 P.M.

MUSIC

(Unless otherwise noted, performances begin at 3 and 8:30 P.M. Listing is chronological.)

RECITALS

JOSEF HOFMANN—Revelatory performances of music that many others attempt. Carnegie Hall, Sat. Aft., Mar. 15, at 2:30.

COPLAND-SESSIONS CONCERT—Contemporary compositions presented sympathetically and informally. Steinway Hall, 113 W. 57, Sun. Eve., Mar. 16.

NEW YORK CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY—Anniversary concert. Hotel Plaza, Sun. Eve., Mar. 16, at 9.

BEETHOVEN ASSOCIATION—A surprise package of stars in chamber music. Town Hall, Mon. Eve., Mar. 17.

ALBERT SPALDING—Fine fiddling. Carnegie Hall, Tues. Eve., Mar. 18.

MUSICAL ART QUARTET—Three gentlemen and a lady who make music unanimously. Town Hall, Tues. Eve., Mar. 18, at 8:45.

MISCHA LEVITZKI—Another recital by this suave but brilliant pianist. Carnegie Hall, Sat. Aft., Mar. 22.

ORCHESTRAS AND CHORUSES

PHILHARMONIC-SYMPHONY—Toscanini conducting: Carnegie Hall, Fri. Aft., Mar. 14, at 2:30; Sat. Eve., Mar. 15, at 8:45; Metropolitan Opera House, Sun. Aft., Mar. 16; Carnegie Hall, Thurs. Eve., Mar. 20, at 8:45; Fri. Aft., Mar. 21, at 2:30; Sat. Eve., Mar. 22, at 8:45. . . . Children's Concert, Schelling conducting: Carnegie Hall. Sat. Morn., Mar. 22, at 11.

MUSEUM CONCERTS—Mannes conducting: Metropolitan Museum of Art, Sat. Eves., Mar. 15 and 22, at 8. (No admission charge.)

FRIENDS OF MUSIC—Bodanzky conducting: Mecca Temple, Sun. Aft., Mar. 16, at 4.

OPERA

METROPOLITAN—"Götterdämmerung," Fri. Aft., Mar. 14, at 1; "La Bohème," Fri. Eve., Mar. 14, at 8; "Rigoletto," Sat. Aft., Mar. 15, at 2; "Tristan und Isolde," Sat. Eve., Mar. 15, at 8; Opera Concert, Sun. Eve., Mar. 16, at 8:30; "Madama Butterfly," Mon. Eve., Mar. 17, at 8:30; "Louise," Wed. Eve., Mar. 19, at 8; "Tales of Hoffmann," Thurs. Eve., Mar. 20, at 8:15; "Aida," Fri. Aft., Mar. 21, at 2.

LITTLE THEATRE OPERA—"Fra Diavolo," by Auber: Mon. through Sat. Eves., Mar. 17-22, at 8:30; Sat. Aft., Mar. 22, at 2:30. Heckscher Theatre, 5 Ave. at 104.

ON THE AIR

WALTER DAMROSCH—Conducting symphony orchestra: Fri. Morns., Mar. 14 and 21, at 11, and Sat. Eves., Mar. 15 and 22, at 9, over WEAF.

BOXING—Fights from Madison Square Garden: Fri. Eves., Mar. 14 and 21, at 9:30, over WMCA.

GRAND OPERA—Puccini's "Turandot," with Alda, Chamlee, Baker, Davies, and others, Papi conducting: Sat. Eve., Mar. 15, at 7, over WEAF.

PHILHARMONIC-SYMPHONY—Toscanini conducting: Sun. Aft., Mar. 16, at 3, over WOR. . . . Children's Concert, Schelling conducting: Sat. Morn., Mar. 22, at 11, over WOR.

EDWARD JOHNSON—Tenor soloist: Sun. Eve., Mar. 16, at 9:15, over WEAF.

HOCKEY—N. Y. Rangers vs. Pittsburgh, from Madison Square Garden: Sun. Eve., Mar. 16, at 10, over WMCA.

EMILIO DE GOGORZA—Baritone soloist: Wed. Eve., Mar. 19, at 8:30, over WEAF.

VINCENT RICHARDS—Tennis star, interviewed by Grantland Rice: Wed. Eve., Mar. 19, at 10:30, over WEAF.

NINA KOSHETZ—Russian soprano; Gabriel Leonoff, tenor; and Vladimir Dubinsky, baritone: Thurs. Eve., Mar. 20, at 10:30, over WEAF.

SPORTS

BOXING—At Madison Square Garden: Tony Canzoneri vs. Stanislaus Loayza, Fri. Eve., Mar. 14; Kid Chocolate vs. Al Ridgeway, Fri. Eve., Mar. 21; preliminaries start at 8:30 P.M.

HOCKEY—Last regular game this season at Madison Square Garden: N. Y. Rangers vs. Pittsburgh, Sun. Eve., Mar. 16, at 8:45.

INDOOR POLO—At Squadron A Armory, Madison at 94—Sat. Eve., Mar. 15: Lawrenceville vs. Squadron A, at 7:30; Penn. M. C. vs. The Riding Club, at 8:30; Squadron A vs. N.Y.A.C., at 9:30. . . . Sat. Eve., Mar. 22: Harvard vs. Princeton, at 8:30; Yale vs. West Point, at 9:30.

INDOOR TRACK—National A. A. U. Track and Field Meet: Madison Square Garden, Tues. Eve., Mar. 18, at 8.

OTHER EVENTS

FLOWER SHOW—Opens at Grand Central Palace, Lexington at 46, Mon., Mar. 17, at 2 P.M., and continues daily from 10 A.M. to 10:30 P.M., through Sat., Mar. 22. . . . The Landscape Architects' show also opens on Mon., Mar. 17: Arden Gallery, 460 Park Ave., at 57. Open weekdays 9 A.M. to 5 P.M.

COLUMBIA VARSITY SHOW—"Heigho, Pharaoh," Fri. and Sat. Eves., Mar. 14 and 15, at 8:30, and Sat. Aft., Mar. 15, at 2:30: Mecca Auditorium, 55, E. of 7 Ave.

DEBATE—Sovietism vs. Religion, four-cornered debate, with Dr. Stephen S. Wise and the Rev. John Haynes Holmes vs. Max Eastman and Harry Elmer Barnes: Carnegie Hall, Sun. Aft., Mar. 16, at 2:30.

BENEFIT—Annual Treasurers' Club benefit. Among those announced to appear are Maurice Chevalier, Jack Donahue, Gertrude Lawrence, Ed Wynn, Lily Damita, Victor Moore, and George Jessel: Hudson Theatre, 44, East of B'way, Sun. Eve., Mar. 16, at 8:15.

AUCTIONS—At the American Art Association, Anderson Galleries, Inc., Madison at 57—Eighteenth-century English furniture, rare rugs and carpets, and valuable furniture covered in tapestry and needlework: Fri. and Sat. Afts., Mar. 14 and 15, at 2:15. . . . First editions of American and English authors. Tues. and Wed. Afts., Mar. 18 and 19, at 2:15. . . . French and English furniture of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, early American furniture, and objets d'art: Thurs. through Sat. Afts., Mar. 20-22, at 2:15.

NOTE—1929 Income-tax returns are due Sat., Mar. 15.

THE TALK OF THE TOWN

Notes and Comment

IN our morning mail comes a round-robin letter from some poets. It is signed by Joseph Auslander, William Rose Benét, Witter Bynner, and other poets, and it asks us to subscribe to a Publication Fund. It says the fund will be a "valuable aid in encouraging poets and creating for them a sympathetic audience." Since when have we favored creating a sympathetic audience for poets? The devil take such an idea. Our poets are suffering from

overly sympathetic audiences—what they need is a hard, bitter, hypercritical audience. The letter goes on to say that the fund would open up for poets avenues for publishing their work "without their being thwarted by the usual magazine limitations." The devil take that idea too. Were poets not limited by space and periodicity and sour editors, were they not angered to the point of frenzy by rejection slips, there would arise in the land such a loud and uncontrolled drunken singing as would deafen us and sicken us. Poets receive far too great encouragement as it is; they grow fat and soft, with their easy dactyls. Raise funds for poets? Never. Discipline them, thwart them, pinch them hard, till in their extreme agony they sing mighty songs of blood and death and life.

THE morning mail, incidentally, is a daily index of the mad comedy of these, our beloved times. Take a sample batch. After the letter urging us to pamper poets, we open one from a firm in Richmond, Virginia, announcing the formation of the Ham-a-Month Club. For nine dollars the firm would enroll us as a member and send us, every month, a native peanut-fed Virginia ham cooked and ready to serve. Presumably if one also belonged to a book club, one might eat the ham while reading the book. Next letter—an anonymous communication beginning "Good luck in Flanders Field" and instructing us to copy the entire contents three times and send it within twenty-four hours to three other people to whom we wished luck. The chain, so the letter says, was started in Flanders by an unknown soldier. Well, it ends with us, we regret to say. And now a letter from our bank, concluding: "We shall be glad to introduce you to the officers of the Company at any time." No, thank you. It took us two years to win recognition from the paying teller—what chance would we have with an officer? So it goes—a letter from the S.P.C.A. sympathizing with us about Daisy's arrest and seeking our support for new dog legislation; a letter from Lambda Sigma Phi, a fraternity devoted to the interests of those seeking the companionship of a sweet-

heart; a letter from a yacht club, and will we join; a letter from a dentist appointing an hour for breaking ground on a root canal; finally (and this is where we ceased to go on) a letter from the New York Life, reporting a conversation between their Mr. Kingsley and a Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge.

OUR campaign for small inoffensive taxicabs goes right on—and we think about the situation day and night. Consider the rise to pomp and power of the present cabs. They used to be merely second-hand cars, slightly remodelled. Then Yellow began making real cabs and selling them to individuals and to companies. The own-your-own drivers bought them

(on the installment plan), partly to meet competition and partly to satisfy their own desire for beauty and luxury. Then came the Luxor, the Paramount, all the others, dolled up with extra colored lights and fancy trimmings—products of the movie-cathedral-art-renaissance period. A vicious circle began to be apparent—cabs getting grander and more expensive, taking up more space, as we said last week. The more space they took up, the more acute the taxi situation, and the grander they tried to be. The luxury faction controls the streets today, complicated by the fact that the cabs are so expensive to buy and operate that the drivers drive about ninety miles an hour to try and get out of debt. The solution, if there is any, is small, inexpensive cabs, which would go less fast, take up less room, and look less beautiful.

OF course everybody read in the papers that the Circuit Court of Appeals had decided that Mary Ware Dennett's sex pamphlet was not obscene. This struck us as too much intelligence for a Circuit Court of Appeals to be showing. Any right decision like that has a tendency to make the populace moody. There is no tonic

in the world so good for the system as a wrong decision by a higher court. To get up in the morning and be able to make a sharp bitter remark about the Circuit Court of Appeals is the proper way to start the day. To open the paper and turn to one's wife and say: "Look here, will you look at what the Circuit Court of Appeals has decided—they're going to send Mrs. Dennett to jail! What kind of a lousy country is this we live in?"—to say that is to get in good condition for a hard day at the office. On the other hand to get up, as we did one morning last week, and discover that a higher court had made a *good* decision filled us with lassitude, and we had to go back to bed.

The Green Pastures

IT'S not true that the negro actors in "The Green Pastures" were picked from Harlem night clubs. Most of them are professional actors with plenty of experience. An exception, however, is the man who plays the Lord, Richard B. Harrison. Of summers he has been a teacher in the Agricultural and Technical School at Greensboro, North Carolina, and of winters has been touring the country giving readings and recitations in schools and churches. He turned out to be pretty hard to direct, owing to his rather excellent English diction, with no trace of negro accent. He had to be coached in negro dialect by a white man who had played negro parts.

Harrison is an octoroon, born in London, Ontario. His parents were two former slaves who had escaped and met there. As a boy he worked as porter, bellboy, dining-car waiter, and clerk. Afterwards he got into teaching and lecturing. He has a wife and two children in Chicago. The son conducts a jazz band, which he organized, and the daughter dances in a cabaret. He is actually several shades lighter in color than he appears in the part of the Lord—has to get blacked up.

Another amateur in the cast is one of the angels. Mr. Connelly borrowed her from a friend's house, where she was a maid. Most of the cast, which numbers ninety-five, have worked in the theatre before, however, many of them at the Howard negro theatre in Washington. Wesley Hill, the Gabriel in the show, played in "Porgy" and has been on the stage forty years. Daniel Haynes, the Adam, played in the talkie, "Hallelujah," and understudied Jules Bledsoe in "Show Boat." Several in the cast have other occupations besides acting. The man who plays Noah is New York correspondent for a Chicago newspaper, the woman who plays Zeba is a champion swimmer, one of the angels is a concert pianist, Haynes has a printing shop in Brooklyn.

Mr. Connelly wrote much of the play on a boat going to and from New Orleans. He went there to visit Roark Bradford, author of the book from which the play is taken. Connelly himself is a native of Pittsburgh and never lived in the South. He finished the play one evening a year ago, typing the last page at 6:55 P.M., and dashing off to dine with Jed Harris at seven and read the play to him. Harris turned it down because Connelly insisted on directing it and Harris was afraid he wouldn't have much to say about how it was to be put on. The Theatre Guild next rejected it—afraid their subscribers wouldn't like to see the Lord on the stage. Arthur Hopkins read the script three times and liked the play but said he didn't see how it could be staged. Crosby Gaige said it was the funniest play he had ever read but that he wouldn't risk money on it. Finally, a man from unimaginative Wall Street agreed to produce it, Rowland Stebbins. He had retired from a big brokerage house a year or two before and had produced two plays. He is the "Laurence Rivers" of the program. That name came from a favorite story he has read since boyhood, a ghost story called "The Gateless Barrier," by Lucas Malet.

Since the show opened no one has made any fuss about portraying the Lord on the stage, but on the other hand approval has come from many ministers. Harrison, playing that part, had misgivings, but they are gone. So far he has been cheered by the audience after every performance. Mr. Bradford, author of the stories upon which the play is based, is in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he has been held ten months by the illness of his wife. Last Saturday night he read the play to the assembled patients in the sanatorium where she is confined.

Music Lacketh Charm

TWO people told us this story about Dr. Karl Muck, who is in Germany now, conductor at the Berlin State Opera. Herr Muck was rehearsing the orchestra one day when something went wrong, sadly wrong. With a violent gesture he brought all instruments to a stop and, waving his arms wildly, berated the offending musicians, calling the gods to witness that they were a bunch of leatherheads. After the outbreak he repented, and apologized. "I am sorry," he said. "It's because I love music so—I get carried away with it—sometimes I don't know what I do—you must excuse me, gentlemen." He then resumed the composition. A little later he noticed one of the violinists making strange little jerky movements with his bow, and heard strange jerky little sounds. He held up his hand for silence and this time kept grim hold of his emotion. He addressed the offender in sorrow, not anger. "What is wrong, sir?" he asked quietly. The fiddler gazed at him sadly. "I am sorry, Herr Doktor," he said, "but I *hate* music."

Art vs. Law

THE calm of one of the smaller art galleries in Fifth Avenue was broken not very long ago by the advent of a city marshal with a cigar, a derby, and an assistant. He startled the proprietor and a few people who were peering at faïence figurines and Burmese sculptures by announcing that he had come to collect six hundred dollars in a court judgment rendered against the place. The owner stepped forward and moaned that he could not pay the amount at once, whereupon, with very little more ado, the marshal began tossing objets d'art into an old burlap sack, while his deputy made a list of the loot. "Madonnar an' Child," announced the marshal, after reading the label on a small bit of sculpture. "In de bag!" intoned his deputy. "Head of Old Woman with Wimple," sang the marshal. "In de bag!" responded the assistant. At this point the prostrate proprietor made a proposition —he would pay two hundred dollars

and give a note for the remainder, to be paid in a week. This caused the marshal to ponder. He looked about, puzzled, and finally picked on a gentleman who had been browsing around. "Hey, fella," he said. "Should I take the offer or should I take the junk? Personally, I wouldn't give twenty cents for the whole lot—would you?" The gentleman thus accosted thought a moment, glanced at the perspiring proprietor, and said no, he wouldn't give twenty cents for the lot. This convinced the marshal. He took the cash and the note, and departed, and the art dealer silently shook hands with the stranger who had saved his shop for him.

Disillusionment

OUR recent little story about how Miss Eva Le Gallienne got her citizenship papers in time to qualify for the *Pictorial Review's* annual prize for being the outstanding American woman of the year was—er—overdramatized, it turns out. Mrs. Moskowitz has called us up about it, Miss Le Gallienne's agents have called us up, lawyers—God forbid—have called us, and the *Pictorial Review* called in person. The fact is, Miss Le Gallienne didn't slip into court dressed as a beggar lady nor did Mrs. Moskowitz arrange with a court attendant to have the name mumbled. Miss Le Gallienne went into court dressed as Miss Le Gallienne, although one witness is willing to swear that she did wear an unusually large and floppy hat. She was made a citizen on October 3, 1927. The award was made on October 28, 1927. She was handily under the wire and, anyhow, it was a pretty technical matter and nobody's good faith was questioned. The *Pictorial Review* didn't have anything to do with it; didn't know about it. Neither did Mrs. Moskowitz. Someone did telephone her but merely to ask a question. He wanted to know how much publicity would ordinarily attend a granting of citizenship to a person of prominence. Mrs. Moskowitz reported that there would be considerable, she thought. Oddly enough, there wasn't any when the time came. We're sorry the subject ever came up.

"Why, it's Albert Meigs. You wicked old spider!"

Subway Express

A CROWDED car of a downtown express was nearing Seventy-second Street from up Columbia University way when the passengers were startled by a large, militant woman who suddenly began to address the passengers at large. "I hope you people will excuse me," she shouted, "but I have a room for rent in the Gerard Apartments on One Hundred and Sixteenth Street, near the campus."

Everybody was abashed but a gray-haired woman, seated across the aisle from the speaker. "I bin thinking of moving closer downtown from Washington Heights," she shouted, "and I'd like to talk to you." The two then got together to talk it over. When the train pulled into the Seventy-second Street station, a policeman, standing near the centre doors, who had taken in the little scene, spoke to a gentleman who brushed past him. "Well, sir," he said, nodding toward the two women, "if I was inclined to novels, I c'd certainly find plenty to write about."

Good Egg

ONE thing that happens every Washington's Birthday is the annual ball of the Egg Inspectors' Union, No. 11,254. It was held in Webster Hall this year and practically every prominent egg-candler in New York was there. (An egg-candler is a man who holds an egg up to the light.)

Unless you get down around Chambers, Greenwich, Duane, and Jay Streets, you probably know very little about egg-candling. This magnificently important work goes on in dark basements, one of which we visited the other day with Mr. Charles Siegel, business manager of the union. He took us to see candlers candling, and the spectacle was interesting. The place was pitch-black save for seven small gleaming eyes from seven candling lamps. Seven candlers, in ghostly white, stood at the long table, silently picking eggs out of a crate, holding them to the edge of their lamp, and passing them

along either to another crate or to a metal tray. Shadows danced on the black walls, and the air was damp and cellarish.

Eggs have to be candled—it's a law. Formerly, candles were used. Now, electric lamps are used. The idea is the same. The lamp is a small black metal box, containing the bulb. In the front is a small hole, protruding, against which an egg fits snugly. The candlers separate the eggs into four divisions: Grade A, which are perfect eggs; Grade B, which are eggs slightly shrunken inside; Grade C, which are eggs very shrunken inside; and unclassified eggs—water eggs, spot eggs, hatched eggs, sour eggs, lime eggs, grass eggs, rotten eggs. For doing this a candler gets either a minimum union wage of forty-five dollars a week or a piece rate of forty cents a case. A good candler, in a happy frame of mind, can inspect some ten thousand eggs in a day.

Rotten eggs, to get right back to them, are sold for the tanning of shoe leather. The other kinds of unclassified eggs, unfit for regular consumption, are sold to bakeries for use in cake-making, and will anybody have a piece of cake?

Just as George Washington is the father of his country, so one Adolph Liebling is the father of the Egg Inspectors' Union. He has spent his life in dark cellars, a patriarch of a silent, stoical tribe. Many of the candlers come from the Ukraine—a town called Wolochesck, which is the centre of the egg industry in Russia. One of the candlers showed us, pridefully, an egg with a double yolk. Once in a while a triple yolk turns up. Once in a lifetime (and what a day it is in the life of an egg-candler) along comes a four-yolker!

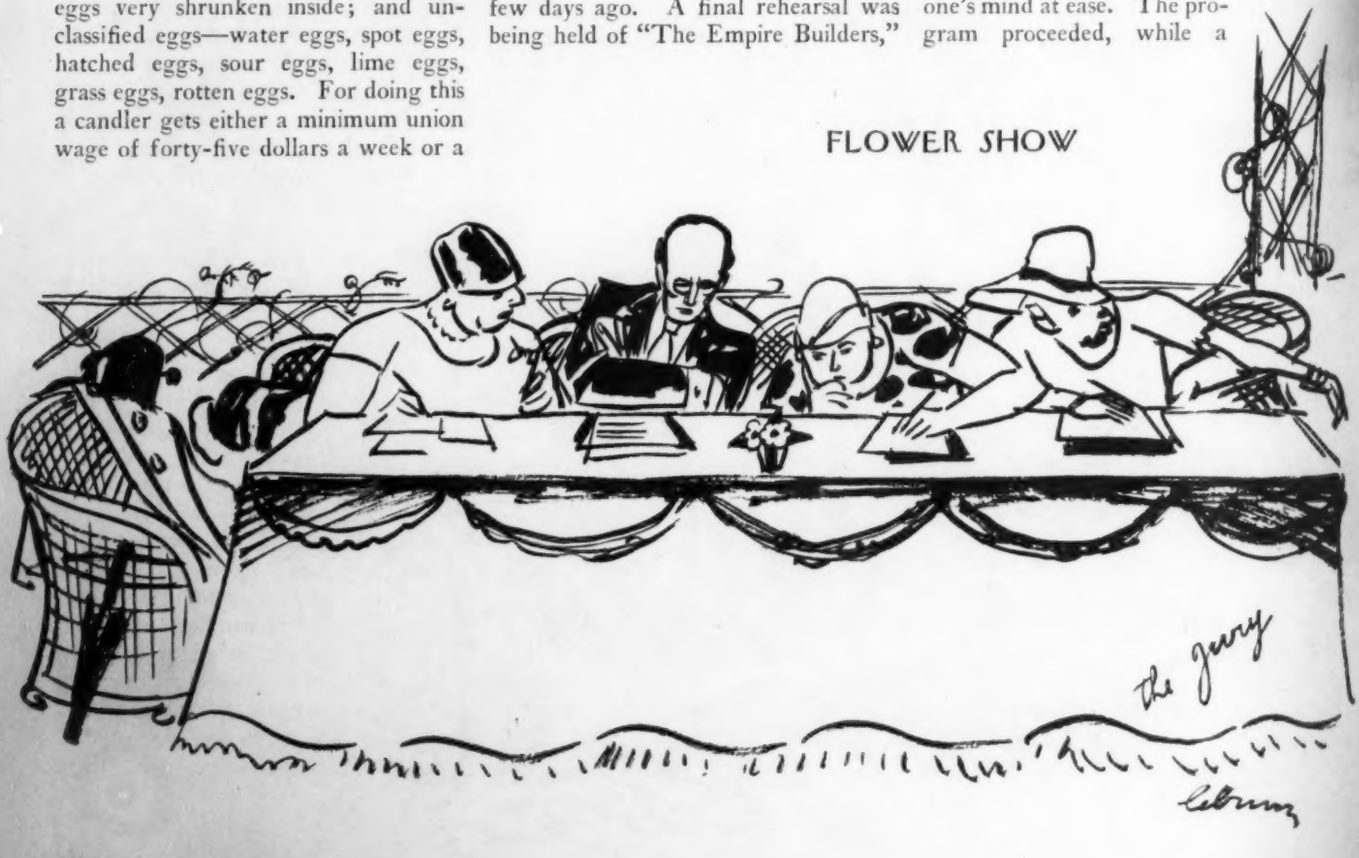
Crisis in Radio

ACCURACY first, or nearly first, is the watchword of Radio. Living up to this ideal caused a tense few minutes at the National Broadcasting Company's studio in Fifth Avenue a few days ago. A final rehearsal was being held of "The Empire Builders," which is a program sponsored by the Great Northern Railway. During the course of this tryout, with the time for actual broadcasting only fifteen minutes off, someone said he had never heard a train whistle like the one they were using. This whistling noise came from a phonograph record especially prepared by the railroad people and forwarded here. Such a doubt about the authenticity of the sound, arising with only twelve or thirteen minutes to go, unmanned a lot of the personnel, but the production manager, Mr. Knight, did not lose his head. He calmly reached for the telephone. He put in a rush call for St. Paul, Minnesota, and appealed to the Great Northern officials who were assembling there listening to the final rehearsal over a special wire. "That train whistle, just as it goes into the tunnel — was it right?" Mr. Knight asked. "It seemed shrill and funny to us here."

"The whistle is right," pronounced St. Paul, and explained: "You see, it's not a regular steam whistle. That is a work train, and it is backing into the tunnel. When a work train backs into a tunnel that's the way the whistle sounds."

This, of course, set everyone's mind at ease. The program proceeded, while a

FLOWER SHOW



platoon of property men removed a wide variety of apparatus which had been assembled around the microphone for possible use in the event that the whistle *hadn't* been right.

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ONE of those many little teashops which line Forty-ninth Street between Fifth and Sixth bears a charming little sign above its door which reads: "Polite tea service until 6 P.M." Just in case you want some excitement later on in the evening.

Old Clothes

WE wandered through Elizabeth Street one cold day recently and came on the old-clothes market, a melancholy and unsavory block just

west of the Bowery. Bonfires built of old boxes burned in the gutters, and around them, like sad hawks, were the peddlers, bartering their plunder. Prices were ridiculously low—a pair of trousers thirty cents if in good condition, fifteen cents if threadbare.

This mart is the biggest old-clothes capital of the world, even bigger than London's. We poked around in some of the warehouses and shops: some of them are great bare rooms with tidy stacks of sorted clothes piled high, others are dirty cellars where goods lie in jumbled heaps. Here, as in every business, there are specialists—men who deal only in hats, men who deal only in shoes, pawnbrokers, wholesalers, retailers, exporters. Suits that are fairly good, we discovered, go uptown to be resold for five or ten dollars in shops in Seventh or Third Avenue. Very old clothes are baled and shipped abroad, and this export trade is enormous. One concern ships about two million dollars' worth of old clothes overseas in a year, and it takes a terrific amount of old clothes to amount to two million dollars. Most of it is taken first to the Brooklyn waterfront, where it is sterilized, and then shipped from there. Some countries have very rigid restrictions about old clothes—require them to be treated with formaldehyde gas and certified by our Department of Agriculture.

One of the export men told us that since the war European old-clothes men have had a bad time of it, most people being sufficiently impoverished so that they hang on to their clothes till they are completely worn out. (The clothes, not the people.) Used garments go everywhere. Vests turn up in Bombay for a dime, coats as low as twenty cents. In South Africa, trade has been brisker lately because of village laws forbidding natives to come to town unclad. Most of the demand there, however, is for hats and coats, not for trousers.

Elysium

TWO sailors in a B. M. T. train were discussing the general situation. Said the tall one: "When I git done with this hitch, I'm goin' to git me a pair of nice light oars, and I'm goin' to sling them across my shoulder and start to walkin' inlands. When I finally hit a place where people say 'What are them things you got on your shoulder?'—boy, that's where I'm goin' to settle down!"

—THE NEW YORKERS

"Lieutenant Smith speaking."

HOW THE SOCIAL CENTRE WAS FIXED

THE exact social centre of New York was recently fixed at a point in the southeast corner of the back yard of the home of Mr. John Chandler Moore of 15 East Seventieth Street. Perhaps an explanation of just how I fixed the social centre might be in order at this time, for the benefit of those who may be curious. Maybe Mr. Moore might like to know.

Allow me to make it plain at the start that it was no simple matter. The position which I hold—that of Chief Fixer of the Exact Social Centre of New York—is no sinecure. No matter what decision I and my associates make, abuse and recriminations are inevitable. For instance, I am quite aware that my pals in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn are incensed because I could not see my way clear to placing the social centre in their district. I understand they are going around, in fits of pique, saying that I wore yellow shoes with a tuxedo at Mrs. Frank Vance Storrs' dinner in celebration of the Tacna-Arica dispute.

Well, I did. What of it? In the last analysis, isn't the correct thing that which is done by persons who *matter*? Do my friends in Bay Ridge realize that on the day following my appearance at the dinner in yellow shoes, the *jeunesse dorée* fairly stormed the John Ward shoeshops in search of yellow shoes "like Mr. Sullivan wears with his tuxedo"?

From motives of community pride, every section in the city wants the social centre placed in its boundaries, naturally. They want the prestige, the *kudos*, that accrues from this distinction. I was besieged by committees from Yorkville, Washington Heights, Harlem, Riverside Drive, Inwood, Fordham, the Bronx, Chelsea, Greenwich Village, La Cuisine d'Enfer, Greenpoint, Flatbush, and so on. It was most difficult to convince these doubtless worthy people that it did not lie within my power to dispose of the social centre arbitrarily. I tried to explain to them (without much success, judging from the looks they gave me on leaving) that the social centre is fixed by impersonal and exact scientific methods of which I am but the instrument, the applier; methods in use in this city since the first Stuyvesant decreed that at formal dinners one could eat endives and asparagus with one's fingers, but must use a spoon for mashed potatoes.

MANY questions go to make up the data on which we base the calculations that determine the centre. For instance, I must know the total tonnage of dowagers fifty years old or more, with incomes of at least fifty thousand dollars a year. There is also the question of actresses in the family. An actress in a family causes the social centre of that family to veer two and a half points off syzygy. Now, *please* do not accuse me of prejudice against actresses. I am devoted to them. My own grandmother is an actress (Dolores Van Benschoten of the chorus of the "Follies") and I myself once acted the part of Mrs. Alving in a production of Ibsen's "Ghosts" given by the third form at St. Paul's. But I must abide by the rules if the people of New York are to have a social centre honestly and accurately determined.

This year my task was at once more simple and more difficult than in other years. Park Avenue, for instance, was much easier to deal with than formerly. In other years the avenue, in addition to being a point of concentration for thousands of eminently respectable females of impeccable social position, has also been the residence of a large and puzzling quantum of blondes of—shall we say?—as yet unestablished social position. Imagine how these blondes confused my calculations.

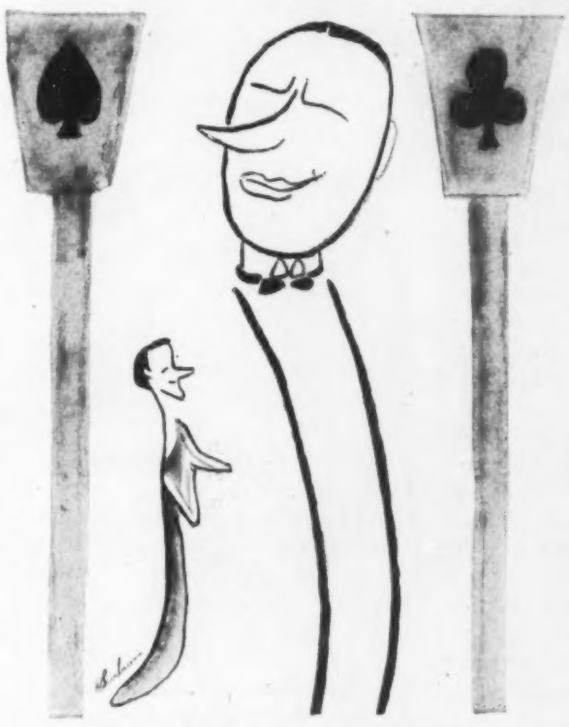
Then came the Wall Street debacle of last autumn. Well, it's an ill wind. I found, on beginning the social analysis of Park Avenue this winter, that practically all of the blondes had been forced by economic pressure to move to the squatter settlements along the Harlem River and around Spuyten Duyvil, leaving Park Avenue simonpure from a social viewpoint.

I further simplified my task by adopting the system of pairing used on important roll calls by the United States Senate. I disposed of the Union Club and the Junior League by pairing them against each other. The same with the Colony and University Clubs.

This left me with Miss Elisabeth Marbury still on my hands, so I divided Miss Marbury by three, striking an equation which gave me her exact social centre as thirty-two feet seven inches south in Sutton Place from Fifty-seventh Street.

YOU see how complicated is the business of determining the social centre? You first must determine each individual social centre and then add them up, reduce the total to its cube root, and walk four blocks east. You must allow for wanderings from the norm; circumstances which deflect the social centres of important persons from their orbits.

I was figuring up the social position of a young man of very good family. I knew his social centre ought to be at a point in Sixty-ninth Street, somewhere between Fifth and Madison. Lo and behold, my calculations placed his centre in front of Yamanaka's in Fifth Avenue in the Fifties! It was baffling, until I found that for the past year the youth had been spending fourteen hours a day in a speakeasy in Forty-eighth Street. This of



RESTAURANT ROYALTY

If a certain smugness has settled upon the features of Maraschino at the Club Lido we must remember that the continued attendance of the smart and attractive people beloved of headwaiters might well justify it.

"Do you like me in it?"
"Why, dearie, I love you in it."

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course pulled his social centre half a mile downtown.

In the case of another young blood whose social centre should have been midway between Park and Lexington in Fifty-second Street, I found to my amazement that his centre was in the duck pond in Central Park. Something wrong here, I told myself, and investigated. I found he was spending most of his time in the apartment of a show girl named Yvonne Somebody-or-Other in upper Riverside Drive. I could go crazy if I allowed myself to be worried by snags such as these.

MY next step in determining the social centre was to tackle the Vanderbilts. You can have *that* job any day you like. They are like eels; you never know when you've got them. They were all away, scattered in every part of the globe. Those who were in New York were never at home when I called. I could locate only four Willie K. Vanderbilts out of a possible nineteen. And young Cornelius Vanderbilt—as if I didn't have enough to worry about—had gone to Iowa! Or it may have been Arkansas. No matter. It didn't take me long to strike him off my list. That pulled the whole Vanderbilt social centre twenty-two feet to the west. Iowa, indeed!

I scarcely knew what to do about Mr. James Joseph Tunney, not knowing whether to classify him as society man or *littérateur*. Of course, persons who write, or who are otherwise in trade, are not allowed in our calculations. I have no doubt that we owe a great deal to literature. I mean literature of the right sort such as Mrs. Wharton writes or dear Mr. James used to write. But if we accepted authors and columnists and suchlike socially, it would really not only throw the social centre completely off, but it would blow up my instruments. As I said, they are *most* delicate. I finally created Mr. Tunney a society man *in petto*, which means that nobody knows about it except him and me.

WHEN I came to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor, I found that Mr. Astor was cruising on his yacht in the West Indies. Mrs. Astor was in Florida. This threw their social centre to a point in the Atlantic one hundred and twenty-seven miles off Cape Hatteras. Mr. Otto Kahn, I found, was in Palm Beach, and this pulled *his* social centre southward to a point in a deserted farmhouse outside of Spartanburg, North Carolina. Roger Wolfe Kahn, his son, was still in New York, however, and I conceived the happy idea of asking him to step up to Labrador for a spell. He, being in Labrador, balanced his father in Palm Beach, and it was most interesting to one of a scientific turn of mind to see the Kahn social centre slowly glide northward to its proper setting. My instruments *never* fail me.

As for Mr. and Mrs. Astor, I wired them, explaining my dilemma, and they very kindly returned to New York immediately and remained here until I had taken their bearings. Fortunately no one of great social importance is with the Byrd Expedition, although I believe Mr. Russell Owen, the New York *Times* correspondent with the Expedition, owns both a dinner coat and a swallowtail. I really am grateful that none of the Goelets or Harrimans are with Byrd, because I am not sure that my instruments could cope with the problem of

adjusting the social centre of anyone so far off base as they would be were they with Byrd. My instruments are gaited only as far as Peru and I have had occasion to use them only once down there, when Mr. Harrison Williams' yacht was off the Peruvian coast. Mr. Williams and a party of guests were quinine-fishing.

AFTER multitudinous calculations of the sort I have here sketched touchily, I found that the social centre for the city was hovering around the Frick mansion, at Fifth and Seventieth. But it wouldn't light there. I don't know why, but I suspect that someone in the household must have committed some slight social breach, just enough to make my instruments shy off. Maybe one wing of a butler's bow tie was an eighth of an inch longer than the other wing. One cannot be too meticulous about these things.

Eventually the centre settled definitely in Mr. Moore's back yard, down the street from the Frick house. I was glad to be the first to acquaint Mr. Moore of the coveted honor that had come to him. He seemed quite dazed. —FRANK SULLIVAN

"Dear Sir: We are sorry to hear you didn't like our Wagner program and that you are having trouble with your lubrication system. In this weather we suggest you use a lighter oil. We shall give you Victor Herbert on the March 20th Hour and about April it would be all right to switch to a heavier oil. Yours truly, SUNSHINE OIL COMPANY."

ACACIA ISLAND

All the island over acacia trees are blooming,
Shaking out blond tresses upon the quivering air;
The breezes stumble drunkenly beneath their load of fragrance,
The yellow starlight tangles in the tossing yellow hair.
The Caribbean albatrosses fly through cloud on cloud of incense,
Incense lifts in topaz smoke to smoky hyacinth hills.
All the island over acacia trees are blooming,
Through all our island pulses their desperate sweetness shrills.
Acacia like a whisper, acacia like a clamor, acacia on the lowland and the salt land and the highland—
Thought tosses in the shaken mind as the trees' blond blossom tosses.
Dizzy with acacia on an intoxicated island
We plunge through clouds of perfume as plunge the albatrosses.

—MUNA LEE

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POPPA

Y'SEE the time, Mr. Spiro? It's three o'clock—it's three o'clock right on the dot. Y'hear that phone ringing? That phone is my wife. Every day for the past three years the phone rings exactly on the dot of three o'clock. Ever since my Shirley was born my missus always calls me up to let me know how things are. Just a minute, Mr. Spiro, while I answer the phone. It's the missus.

HELLO, Yetty? Sure I know it's you, Yetty. Because it's three o'clock right on the dot. Well, honey, what's new? Nothing? Well, there's nothing new with me neither. Mr. Spiro from Chicago is here, baby. You remember Mr. Spiro? Sure you remember Mr. Spiro, baby—the man who took us to see "Diamond Lillie." You remember now? Yeah, he's here in the office. Just a minute I will.

The missus sends her regards to you, Mr. Spiro.

Well, darling, how's Shirley? Did she behave today? What did she do? She did? Well, if that ain't the cutest little thing. Hold on a minute, dear, must tell Mr. Spiro about this.

Listen to this, Mr. Spiro. That little devil of mine she didn't want to go to bed so she kicked and she kicked and her shoe came off and she kicked it right out of the winder. Waddeya know about such a little devil, ha?

Listen, honey, did some shirts come for me this morning from Fink and Sons? Well, listen, don't pay for them because I asked Herbie Fink to send them over on consignment so if there's a C.O.D. don't pay a cent for them because they're on consignment. And listen, Yetty, I paid Simon, the butcher, his bill this morning. You were supposed to pay it outa the market money but I paid it for you so when you see Simon, don't pay him again. That's all right, baby, I'll take it out of next week's market money.

Ha? Who? Milred? You mean Milred next door? When? Why do you let her do such things? You go to Mrs. Grumbinner and tell her she dassent let her Milred do that to Shirley. I know it's in fun, Yetty, but if Milred only puts in one finger today she may put her whole fist in Shirley's eye tomorrow. You shouldn't let her do that, baby. I know, darling, but out of fun some of the worst things can happen.

Listen, Yetty, put Shirley on the phone. Let her talk to me. Yeah.

Get this, Mr. Spiro. She's only three years old and already she's got the mind of an eight-year-old.

Hello, Shirley. Hello, baby. Hello, darling. You know who this is, baby? Who?

What a smart kid, right off the bat she guessed it!

Yeah, it's daddy talking. Say "Hello, daddy." Hello, Shirley. You been a good

"Mister, did you say Hundred and Twenty-fourth Street or Two Hundred and Twenty-fourth Street?"

little girl today? You behaved yourself? Did bad little Milred hurt you? Well, Poppa will spank Milred when he gets home. You want Poppa to buy you a doll? All right, Shirley, Poppa will buy you a doll if you promise to be a good girl. Promise? Well, then, say "I promise." Come on, Shirley, don't be a bad girl. Do what Poppa says. Say "I promise." Don't be stubborn, Shirley, or you'll make Poppa mad. Poppa don't like stubborn little girls. Say "I promise." That's a good girl. Now let me talk to Mamma.

HELLO, Yetty. Listen, before I hang up I want Shirley to say a coupla words to Mr. Spiro. Mr. Spiro, he never heard Shirley talk and I want him to listen to Shirley. So tell Shirley to say "Hello, Mr. Spiro" to Mr. Spiro. Hello, Shirley. This is Poppa talking again. Say "Hello, Mr. Spiro" to Mr. Spiro.

Here y'are. Just listen to her. She's only three years old. . . . Ha? She don't say a word? Just a minute.

Hello, Shirley? Why don't you say "Hello" to Mr. Spiro? Whatsa matter, somebody cut out your tongue? Well, why don't you say "Hello"? Listen, Shirley, you want Poppa to buy you a doll? Ha? All right, then say "Hello, Mr. Spiro." Just a minute while I get Mr. Spiro.

There she is. Just listen to that kid. She's only three years old and to talk to her you'd think you was talking to a grown person. . . . Did she say it? Wasn't that wonderful? I should certainly say, some kid! Gimme that phone again.

Hello, Shirley? You're a good girl and Poppa loves you and Poppa's gonna buy you a doll. Your hand hurts from the phone?

Oh, ain't that the cutest thing you ever heard, Mr. Spiro? Her hand hurts her from holding up the phone. Just like a grown person she talks.

All right, baby, put Mamma on again.

Listen, Yetty, I gotta hang up. Mr. Spiro wants to talk to me about some samples, so I gotta run along. All right, honey, I'll be home extra early. Okay, baby. I'll see you later. Goo'-bye.

Now about those double "A" interlined elastic specials, Mr. Spiro. I was talking to Hirsch of Kranz, Abromowitz & Leffler, and his double-knit triple "A" extras retail at . . .

—ARTHUR KOBER

OUR PET DEPARTMENT

Q. We have a fish with ears and wonder if it is valuable.

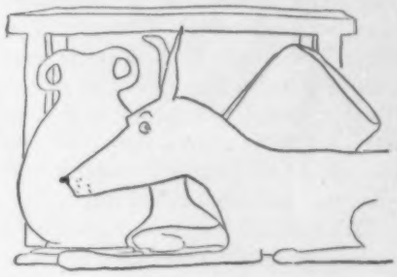
JOE WRIGHT

A. I find no trace in the standard fish books of any fish with ears. Very likely the ears do not belong to the fish, but to some species of mammal. They look to me like a mammal's ears. It would be pretty hard to say what species of mammal, and almost impossible to determine what particular member of that species. They may merely be hysterical ears, in which case they will go away if you can get the fish's mind on something else.

Q. What I can only call furtive is what my police dog now is, on account of my father coming home from work every night for the past two years and saying to him, "If you're a police dog, where's your badge?," after which he laughs (my father).

ELLA R.

A. The constant reiteration of any piece of badinage sometimes has the same effect on present-day neurotic dogs that it has on people. It is dangerous and thoughtless to twit a police dog on his powers, authority, and the like. From the way your dog seems to hide behind tables, large vases, and whatever that thing is that looks like a



suitcase, I should imagine that your father has carried this thing far enough —perhaps even too far.

This department, devoted to the interests of pets and their owners, will appear in this space, or in some space a whole lot like this, from time to time. Physical ailments and spiritual problems of birds and animals will be dealt with frankly, but at no great length.

—JAMES THURBER

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RONDELET

"WELL, it wasn't exactly that," she said thoughtfully. "We had a quarrel that was even worse than usual." She stopped abruptly and leaned forward to the mirror with one finger raised to her lip, tracing an outline. "Anyway," she resumed, "it's a good thing for me that it's over."

"Why?"

"Everyone says so," she answered. "I spent so much time quarrelling with him that I almost lost my job. He wasn't supposed to call me up during office hours because all the lines are always busy and if I'm talking I get people mixed up anyway. I even got him on the wrong line once and he said, 'Hello, darling,' to Mr. Stein before I noticed. But we had usually had a fight the night before, and I would just have to talk to him."

"What did you fight about?"

She stopped powdering her nose and thought about it. "I don't know. We were always fighting. One evening in Childs when we weren't fighting, for a wonder, he went away for cigarettes and the waitress grinned and said to me, 'Well, you're getting along pretty well tonight, aren't you?' There was another time when we had had a fight just before we went into a restaurant, and we gave our orders separately and didn't say a *word* all through the meal, and the girl gave us separate checks."

"Did he know what was the matter?"

"No, I don't think so. We just fought. Everyone in the office told me to stop seeing him. I used to get so worried about it I couldn't enjoy anything. I feel much better now."

"You look much better," I said.

"Thanks." She frowned at the four new ridges in her hair that remembered four combs now lying discarded on the dressing-table. "Yes, it's much better this way. It used to be so terrible that we couldn't go to a dance together without having a row. If I danced with anyone else he just froze up, and after a while we would go home where we

could insult each other in private. But it was supposed to be all right if *he* went with other people, and I didn't like that either." She looked speculatively at her wrist watch.

"DID you ever have the feeling," she asked, suddenly, "that if you were unsettled with one person, everything was unsettled? I never knew where I was with Carl. I never even knew if I had a date with him or not. I was supposed to take it for granted unless he didn't want a date, and then it would be all right—I mean morally—because he hadn't asked me."

"It's awful," I agreed, fervently.

She giggled. "I was just remembering once when everything was really my fault. Once at the Blackhawk I acted too smart. There was a man there that I called over to the table and I said, 'I hope you won't mind, but I wish you would go away because you have the ugliest face I have ever seen in my life, and it worries me.' And do you know, it was the house detective. He said to Carl, 'I think you'd better take the young lady home.' In a *very* nasty voice. But it was true, you know: he was the ugliest man I have ever seen."

"What did Carl say?"

"Oh, he was furious. He was raging. He wouldn't speak to me. He had met a man there who had asked us to call on him and go for a ride in his Packard, and now we couldn't because we had to go home and didn't know his address. Carl said: 'You *would* do a thing like that. I told you not to, but you would. Now we won't see that man any more, and he had a Packard, too.' I just said, with all the dignity I could: 'Did you *see* the Packard, Carl? Did you *see* the Packard?'"

She stood up and put on her hat, tucking the last scrap of hair out of sight. "Well, it's a good thing for me that it's over. Everybody is glad about it. One of the men said to me yesterday: 'Edith, I've never seen such a change in anyone. You're a new woman.' So I guess it's a good thing."

She opened the door.

"Wait a minute," I said. "If you're going over to the subway I'll walk with you."

"No," she said, after a very short pause, "I'm not. I'm meeting Carl in the tearoom around the corner. You see he doesn't know yet that it's over. I'm telling him this afternoon. Those things take time." —EMILY HAHN

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SPRING SONG

The oily air is warm and sunny
And I am feeling fine but funny.
Break out the sulphur and molasses;
The boys and girls are making passes
On buses and beneath Childs' tables.
The pigeons on their copper gables
Bellow like amorous vacuum cleaners.
Our winter fare of rolls and wieners
No longer suits. Let's have some
rhubarb.
The air today has got a new barb—
Not frost but blue and growling fire.
The veins that were as stiff as wire
Are gone as slow and soft as soup.
Leave off the coat and give a whoop.
A bowl of well-steeped calamus
Would make a dandy lunch for us.
Let's not go back to work today.
This weather takes the will away.
This is the time when girls begin
To fill their clothes as plums their skin.
O for a yard of grassy hummock
On which to lay the languid stomach.
O for a month to be just lazy,
Sung at by birds a trifle crazy.

—RICHARD PECKHAM

"But, Mother! You haven't lived yet."

PROFILES

ALT WIEN

Artur Bodanzky

"IN leaving the Metropolitan," remarked Artur Bodanzky, its departing conductor, on April 13, 1929, "I am leaving the greatest opera house in the world after spending with it fourteen of the best and pleasantest years of my life. I shall not say that I am sorry to give up opera. I have made my decision. I know my own mind and my work in future lies elsewhere."

Seven and a half months later, having spent a summer in Europe and planned a new season for the Friends of Music as its conductor, Mr. Bodanzky was as much astonished as anyone to find himself back with his old operatic forces, directing "Der Rosenkavalier" at the Metropolitan in a triumphant return on November 26. He has been busy ever since.

Last October a crisis confronted the greatest opera house in the world. Someone had blundered. The victim of this costly *faux pas* was young Joseph Rosenstock, a demure innocent snatched, for a very modest figure, from a conductor's cradle in Wiesbaden to replace the expensive Mr. Bodanzky as the head of the German department of the Metropolitan Opera House. In this exacting position the newcomer was rudely and persistently trampled by New York's press following his Metropolitan début conducting "Die Meistersinger."

Horrible epithets were bandied about by irate critics. After Rosenstock's second performance Mr. Gatti-Casazza, the usually imperturbable general director of the Metropolitan, induced most of the music critics to appear one by one in his sanctum, where they individually listened to a plea for tolerance and a humble explanation of a lamentable blunder. But the hostile barrage increased. After Rosenstock's third performance—the orchestra's flooring was secretly elevated over two feet to bolster the dwindling volume of sound—Mr. Gatti pulled his nose and coughed ominously. There was weeping in the box office.

At this critical point one of Mr. Bodanzky's old friends, Herr Berthold Neuer, thoughtfully consulted the departed conductor. He also whispered to Mr. Gatti and waited for a few days. On November 15, he brought Mohammed and the Mountain together for a brief meeting. On the evening of that conference day Herr Rosenstock suffered an immediate breakdown and soon sailed for the Papaland with a generous consolation prize in his pocket. Maestro Bodanzky, returning, for a new figure, to his old stand at the Metropolitan, even consented in the grace of his acquiescence to continue conducting "Tannhäuser" and "Lohengrin," two Wagnerian gentlemen who have bored him considerably in recent years.

THE leading conductor of German opera in this country is fifty-two years old and was born in Vienna, December 16, 1877, the son of Carl and Hanna Feuchtwang Bodanzky. He was practically cradled in the famous Vienna Conservatory which has given the world so many masters of music. His brother Robert, who died recently, was a well-known light-opera librettist and collaborator in many of Franz Lehar's best works. The family lived in an ancient house in the heart of the old city and the conductor-to-be of Wagnerian opera arrived in the midst of those violent controversies over Wagner's music which swept over Vienna until the end of the century, accompanied by fist fights, concert-hall riots, and disrupted families. Bodanzky's father, though a great opera fan, detested Wagner's music, and young Artur, at the age of six, had to slip off secretly to hear his first Wagnerian opera, "The Flying Dutchman."

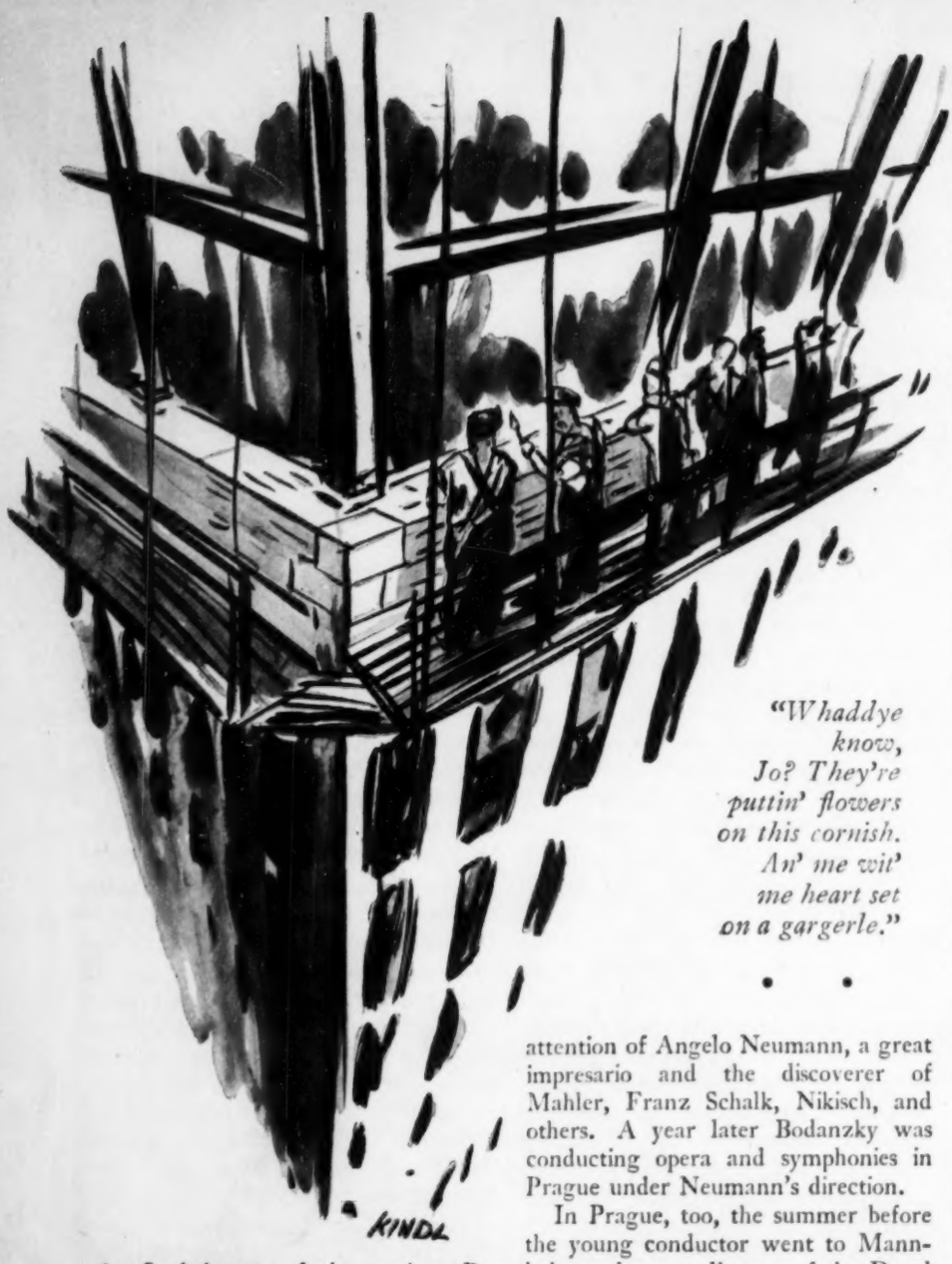
In retrospect Bodanzky's youth resembles a glittering Viennese version of "Trilby" and "La Bohème." For his first twenty years he was fortunate enough to live in a cultured city in full bloom boasting a plenitude of great men, good beer, pretty girls, and congenial celebrities. The fountainhead of this almost fabulous age was the famous old Winterbierhaus in the Bäckerstrasse, a smoky, dingy, antique gathering ground for the music world and for headliners in law, literature, diplomacy, the theatre, and a dozen minor arts. Although only fourteen or fifteen years of age Bodanzky was a frequent visitor at the Winterbierhaus. He was an attractive, lean, freckle-faced youngster and he met everyone. The lofty Brahms spoke to him and gave him a cigarette which he tried hard to preserve as a souvenir. He watched Karl Goldmark, the composer, play old-fashioned whist. When his great god, Gustav Mahler, who came to conduct at the Imperial Opera House in 1897, first shook hands with him Bodanzky refused to wash the lucky palm for two days.

Bodanzky's group at the Conservatory could seldom muster more than two dollars to spend at any time, but they sipped beer and ate cheese. They went on picnics to the country, skated in the Stadt Park, and sat on gallery benches at concerts and opera. Bodanzky's inseparable companion in student days was Hugo Riesenfeld, at present music czar for the United Artists Studio in Hollywood. The two boys studied the violin together and played in a number of musical organizations, including the venerable Gesellschaft der Musikfreunde, often under the baton of Brahms himself. The youngsters also had their own orchestra, the Polyhymnia, and many members of their group are prominent in the music world today.

In 1898 Bodanzky and Riesenfeld were playing violins at the same stand in the Imperial Opera House orchestra under the baton of Mahler and it was probably at this time that Bodanzky realized he was not destined to be a great violinist. He heard Mahler conduct "Lohengrin" and his career was fixed.

"I thought I knew 'Lohengrin' by heart," he said later, "but I found I was hearing it for the first time. . . . I suddenly realized what being a conductor meant; from that moment I changed my whole plan of life and decided to become a conductor."

Mahler soon became interested in the eager young violinist and made him his assistant, later advising Bodanzky at numerous stages of his career. The latter soon left Vienna to conduct in



"Whaddye know, Jo? They're puttin' flowers on this cornish. An' me wit' me heart set on a gargerle."

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the Stadttheater of the ancient Bohemian town of Budweis, where he directed an orchestra of twelve men in the works of Johann Strauss, Lehar, and other light-wines-and-beer composers. He even had a chance to come to the Metropolitan Opera House in those early days as an assistant to Mahler, who came to New York in 1907 and again in 1908, but the latter advised him to wait.

IN 1904 came Bodanzky's first big opportunity, when he conducted a French production of "Die Fledermaus" in Paris. He was the first conductor of German or Austrian extraction to appear in Paris after 1871, and his success was immediate and lasting. Young, eager, magnetic, and aggressive, he went to the popular Theater an der Wien as a conspicuous conductor of light opera. Here he attracted the attention of Angelo Neumann, a great impresario and the discoverer of Mahler, Franz Schalk, Nikisch, and others. A year later Bodanzky was conducting opera and symphonies in Prague under Neumann's direction.

In Prague, too, the summer before the young conductor went to Mannheim to become director of the Ducal Opera in 1909, he married Miss Ada Elisa Perutz. The couple lived in Mannheim from 1909 to 1915 and there two children, Arthur and Elizabeth, were born.

Leopold Godowsky, the pianist, has it that when the late Otto Weil, scouting around Vienna for Mr. Gatti and the Metropolitan early in 1914, asked him to name a good conductor of German opera he told Weil: "There's only one man for the job; he's a clever young chap up at Mannheim. See what you think of him." Bodanzky had enjoyed a great success with a Mahler Festival in 1912 and had just conducted the first "Parsifal" performances in London in 1914.

On November 18, 1915, Bodanzky made his Metropolitan Opera House début under most trying conditions. He followed directly in the footsteps of Toscanini and Alfred Hertz, who had left in the spring. Moreover he conducted Wagner's "Götterdämmerung," a colossal and exacting opera. He scored an immediate success, however, and clinched everyone's first impressions with an admirable performance of "Der Rosenkavalier" two days later.

Established in America, Bodanzky's inexhaustible energies soon thrust him to prominence in New York's musical life. There was a brief attack of *Weltschmerz* when he first came over. He spoke almost no English and he railed a bit wistfully at swollen wealth, politicians, and the Philistines. He was depressed by the war and the collapse of Europe's artistic world. When his family arrived in New York a year later, however, he took out citizenship papers, mastered Italian in six weeks, and was soon speaking America's argot like a native. He has conducted performances of that pioneering organization, the Friends of Music, since 1917, reviving with them many of the choral masterpieces of the past. He has arranged, edited, and orchestrated a good deal of music, including his own version of Beethoven's "Fidelio" employed today at the Metropolitan.

BODANZKY has an immense capacity for hard, driving, and continuous work. A typical day's schedule for him, represented by a certain Sunday some months ago, consists, in addition to a good deal of correspondence and a study of several choral and operatic scores, of a dress rehearsal at the opera house from 10 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., a final rehearsal with the Friends of Music at Mecca Temple from 3 to 4 P.M., and the public concert of the latter organization from 4 P.M. until 5:45 P.M. On a very recent Friday he rehearsed soloists for the Friends of Music all morning and conducted "Die Meistersinger" at the Metropolitan from 1:45 to 5:45 in the afternoon.

Il Maestro, alas, has a terrible temper. He is seldom completely satisfied with a performance, although generous enough with praise where merited. If the show goes badly the first few rows will hear him hissing madly or cursing in raucous Viennese at soloists and orchestra, savagely ripping the air with a murderous baton.

One of his consuming hatreds outside the music profession is reserved for lipstick. On the slightest of introduc-

tions he will harangue young ladies for employing this destroyer of natural beauty. He tossed his wife's first and only lipstick out the window.

Recently he met Vincent Lopez at a party. Lopez remarked: "I should like to take lessons from you, Mr. Bodanzky."

"Would you mind telling me," returned Bodanzky, "about how much you earn a year?"

Lopez laughed. "Oh, I suppose about two hundred thousand dollars."

Bodanzky bowed low and said sadly: "Ah, Maestro, it is I who should take lessons from you." With his present salary at the Metropolitan added to other sources of income, including various royalties, and the Friends of Music, it is doubtful if his annual earnings exceed a quarter of the sum mentioned by Lopez.

THE Maestro rides a good deal, enjoys Austrian cooking, appreciates good painting, and is a tempestuous bridge fiend. His wife taught him the game. She dealt out four hands face up on a table and proceeded to play a round, explaining the moves. Bodanzky watched for a few moments and then exploded: "My God, you're a rotten bridge player!"

This volatile, magnetic conductor has almost as large a group of feminine admirers as Farrar or Jeritza. There are at least two prominent devotees, for instance, who will only go to the opera when he conducts. Another lady is inconsolable. She held first-row seats to his performances, sold them when Rosenstock appeared, and now can't get them back again. The Maestro has always had a number of these first-row enthusiasts and is fond of recalling a large red rose he found on his stand whenever he conducted at Mannheim.

The far-reaching sensibilities of the man are admirably revealed in his literary tastes. As a youngster he absorbed the best books of England, France, Italy, Russia—in fact, all the Continental schools. Walt Whitman, Poe, Mark Twain, and Hawthorne were favorites. So were Herr James Fenimore Cooper's "Lederstrumpf Geschichten," notably "Der Letzte Mohicaner," otherwise identified as Carl May's translations of the "Leatherstocking Tales" and "The Last of the Mohicans." For a period of three years he read nothing but Goethe and Heine; today it's a mass of eighteenth-century memoirs and biographies.

Most of his summers are spent in Europe, where he loafs aggressively with both ears tuned to the musical winds. Usually declining all summer invitations to conduct on the Continent, he idles about, listening to new works or joining Mr. Gatti and his opera-house scouts for auditions in various cities. In June he vanishes to the Black Forest's playground for six or eight weeks. There he meditates upon what he has heard, and if any part of that welter of sound and fury seems desirable for his New York programs he usually goes after it, whether it's an oratorio or a baritone. This summer he will probably return with a carload of old scores and new soloists.

When he arrives on October 1, laden with spoils, rehearsals commence

DREAM GIRLS of a DIM DECADE

SEVEN SUTHERLAND SISTERS

ENG. BY JOHN HELD JR SINGER OF OLD SONGS

with a vengeance. When he rehearses an orchestra Bodanzky talks very little. "Hands are much more swiftly expressive," he says. But there is acid in this man, and during stage rehearsals he has scorched the sensibilities of almost every artist at the Metropolitan and wrung tears from many a prominent prima donna. Some of his rehearsals seem interminable. The man has an unbelievable memory for vocal and orchestral detail and during rehearsals drives home his insistence upon the correctness of these details with all the energy of a picturesque vocabulary, a stabbing forefinger, and a genuine passion for perfection.

NO two critics can agree on his present position in the music world. When he is bored or upset he can put the Wagnerian gods through a celestial track meet that will slash half an hour off the official time card, much to the scandal of the Old Guard critics. Though he has his bad moments, they are never slack moments. From the first note he is decisive, penetrating, emphatic, and supremely in command. Tempestuous, electric, mercurial, he is often ruthless and ungovernable in his hard-driving tempi, but in vivid slashing strokes he can construct a colossal canvas of orchestral color.

As the foremost conductor of German opera in this country (something of an historical accident, as he has conducted a great deal of French and Italian opera on the Continent) he has not yet found his final niche. He is certainly the dominant director of the Metropolitan's staff, with the added prestige of his unexpected return. It is impossible to compare him directly with the Mengelbergs and Molinaris (we shall leave Mr. Toscanini on his lonely height) because he has not conducted symphony concerts extensively in recent years. There may be new worlds for him to conquer. Enthusiastic over possibilities in the talkie field, he has both ears respectfully cocked for the call of Hollywood. To date there has been no official summons.

If you go to a performance of German opera at the Metropolitan you will find Bodanzky weaving about on his high chair before the conductor's stand like some imperial gargoyle charged with kinetic energy. Volatile and complex, with a glittering angular surface over a quick sensitive nature, this gentleman possesses the most striking silhouette at the opera house.

He has another claim to fame. He is the only conductor in that institution who always sits down while conducting.

—HOLLISTER NOBLE

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OF ALL THINGS

THE "sit and settle" policy of the American delegation at London is progressing splendidly. Before long the sitters will all be settlers.

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In the midst of his difficulties Mr. Hoover must have moments when he looks forward wistfully to the soft job of being an ex-president. Nothing to do but play Indian and dedicate dams.

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Tardieu's new government received a confidence vote by a majority of fifty-three. This is a fairly thin margin, and the Premier has wisely decided to stick pretty close to Paris, where he can keep an eye on it.

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Our *Herald Tribune* says that the Farm Board is courageously wrestling with the problem of surplus wheat. It pains us to report that the betting odds are nine to three on the problem.

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It is now revealed that Africa, also, is a land of boundless opportunity. A humble malaria bug arose by its own efforts to the top of its profession and bit the Prince of Wales.

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Business is below par but it has one bright spot. There has been a gratifying revival of trading among the tariff-makers.

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In the Washington debate, all the dry arguments are based upon the theory that the Eighteenth Amendment amended somebody's habits. The National Superstition Act, we jokingly call it.

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Our little dark brothers in Haiti seem to resent the commission sent down to inquire into them. In reply will state that if they have seen only one commission, they don't know what trouble is.

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Mrs. Dennett is handsomely vindicated in Judge Augustus N. Hand's decision. Now it can be told—even in Brooklyn.

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A professor of physics finds that there is radium in Stone Mountain. It is believed that this is the first time anything has been found there except trouble.

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Secretary Stimson sends the cheery news that there is a good chance for naval reduction. Maybe the reducing would go even faster if we called the conference a diet.

—HOWARD BRUBAKER

"Say, don't she remind you of Ruth Draper though?"

THE THEATRE

LAHR AND SOME ART

AT the Apollo, "Flying High," by B. G. DeSylva, Lew Brown, and Jack McGowan, is the sort of musical show which gets three stars in this Baedeker, by which I mean that it's the funny brand. Moreover, it is extremely good-looking, and George White has provided a chorus which makes one feel that all that stuff about Ziegfeld's being America's foremost expert on feminine beauty is just a quaint old tradition.

The DeSylva, Brown, and Henderson songs are agreeable enough too, but in their amiability there's a hint of the Roth memory course. In fact, one catches that score reminiscing on subjects as diverse as the Messrs. Moody and Sanky and Miss Libby Holman.

There is a pretty love story, for which Grace Brinkley supplies the pretty heroine; Dorothy Hall, the soft, Angora menace; and Oscar Shaw, the aërial hero. I am bound to report that Mr. Shaw often suggests an executive worried about the overhead rather than an impetuous young pilot bent on making a non-stop flight.

All this is very minor, however, for the superiority of "Flying High" lies entirely with one person — and will the typesetter please set up his name not in ordinary print, not even in mere italics or capitals, but in red, white, and blue lights which whirl if possible?—Bert Lahr. Let us all stand for a moment with bared heads in silent reverence.

Bert Lahr has turned braying and mugging into two of the major arts. With one of his flying tackles he can make almost any polysyllable better than the best epigram. Years, nay generations, of comic strips at their best must have been before he could be. There is in him a little of Maude the Mule, of the Yellow Kid, of the strange little figures of Milt Gross, of Krazy Kat himself. . . .

Say, am I writing this or is Walter Pater? Anyway, paste it in your scrapbook under "Great Prose."

To proceed, the pretty love story is shoved blessedly far toward the back of the shelf to make room for Mr. Lahr's activities, a series of revue-like scenes ending in blackouts, of which the best is the one in which he takes his physical examination for the air service. Incidentally, you won't like it, or any of the rest of his work, if you care only for things done in the pastel shades.

Working with Mr. Lahr, and maintaining his own individual comedy with a precision which deserves commendation, is Russ Brown. Kate Smith plays opposite Our Idol. She sings well but belongs to the school of comédiennes which sponsors fat as funny *qua* fat, a dogma to be discouraged.

"DISHONORED LADY"

This is Miss Katharine Cornell who, in the melodrama at the Empire, has so much trouble keeping her lovers in line that she is forced to resort to the coffee-cup (left) with just a dash of the horrid stuff in the nearby bottle.

TO avoid an almost inevitable, but by this time pretty dull comparison, I'll content myself and probably bore you by merely describing the offerings of the Players from Japan at the Booth Theatre. It may be that something radical happened in the way of adaptation of their plays for America, but if not, you can take it from the Players that eighteenth-century Japan was the Hollywood of its epoch. The three plays on their program have all the elements of a good bill at the cinema plus a grace and dignity the cinema cannot be relied upon to supply.

First comes "Koi-No-Yozakura," or "Romance in Cherry Blossom Lane, a Lyric Dance Drama." It's all about a sculptor making a statue of the lady he loves and the statue's coming to life—a "short," you see, conceived and executed by the eighteenth-century Japanese equivalent of Director Joseph Santley.

It is followed by "Kage-No-Chikara," which I should translate as "The Perils of Pauline." In it a young woman is abducted, an old man killed, and his son aided in the task of vengeance by an omniscient and omnipresent figure in black. At its climax, just as a sword is being held at the girl's fair throat and

the choice is death or dishonor, there is a crashing sound, and through a window there leaps the hero, to be bound and held under a sword too, until his friend, the Shadow Man, leaps through another window and delivers both after a prodigious fight. Those fights are what won me to the Japanese theatre. The Occidental stage has never got the most out of man-to-men conflicts, probably because Broadway actors have a false snobbishness toward the art of tumbling. Only Hollywood, where doubles can take the punishment, has capitalized it, and—as I now discover—Japan, where the Sotherns and Arlisses have all had plenty of groundwork in jujutsu.

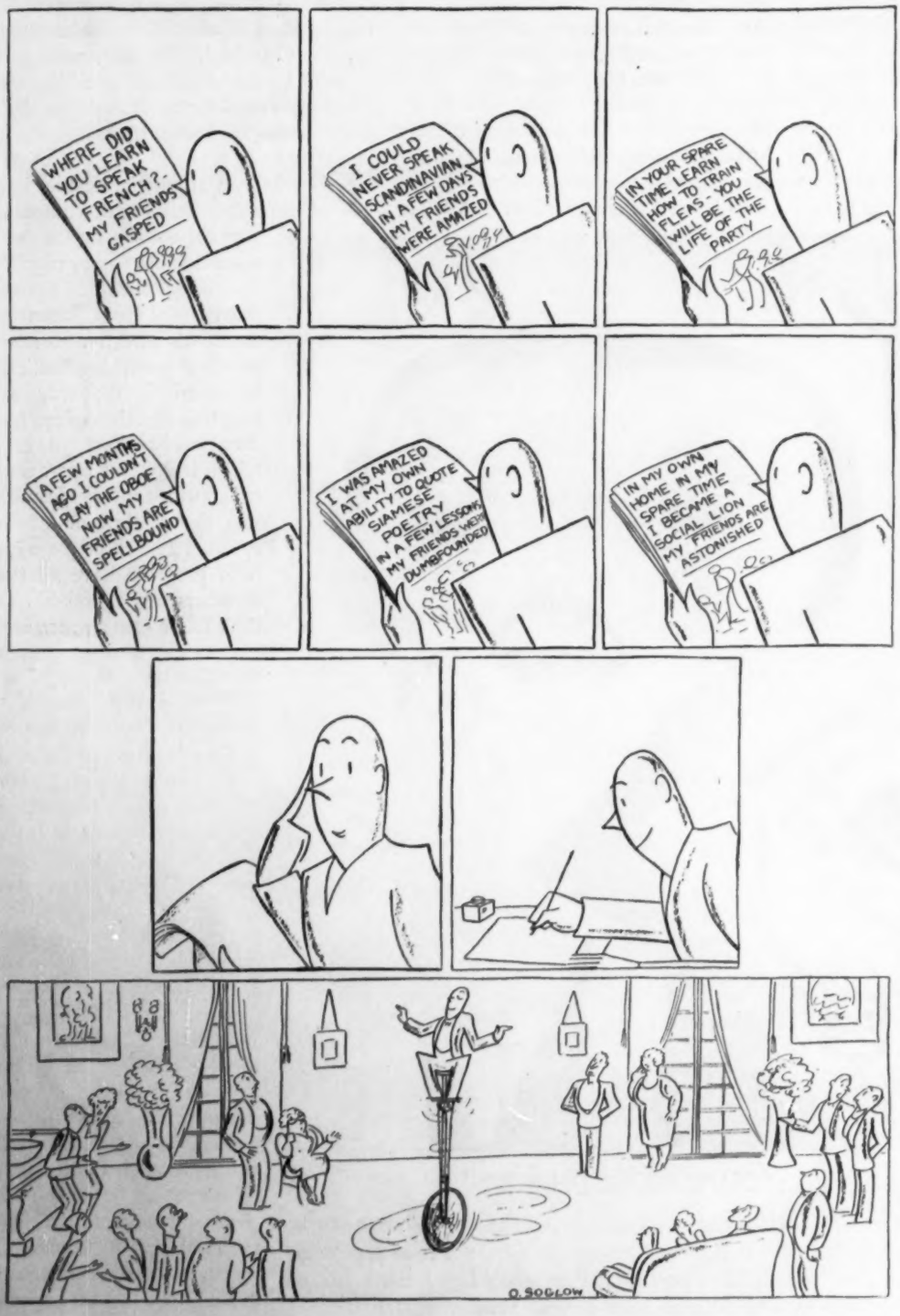
One could be right back in the nickelodeon except that, in place of the raw-meat flavor of the old thriller, there is that fish-food delicacy which seems to be inseparable from all things Japanese.

The players wind up the evening with "Matsuri" (Festival), an embryo Technicolor Special if ever I saw one.

Never having been able to weigh exactly mimetic values in a language I don't understand, I'll lean slightly backwards and give the Wonderful Little People an Adequate Plus on that count.

AT Jolson's, "The Serenade" is the current Victor Herbert revival. I gather from seeing part of it that Harry B. Smith, the librettist, felt an active dislike for Mr. Herbert at the time he wrote it. Mere indifference or laziness could hardly account for so stultifying a book. It has all the drawbacks, starting—at curtain-rise—with a band of robbers.

All the usual liquid and laudatory adjectives must be hauled out for the music of the first act. For the rest I cannot speak, as I couldn't have watched any more of that silliness if it had meant finding the lost chord and a sizable reward.


WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO SPEAK FRENCH?- MY FRIENDS GASPED
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I WAS AMAZED AT MY OWN ABILITY TO QUOTE SIAMESE POETRY IN A FEW LESSONS MY FRIENDS WERE DUMBFOUNDED
IN MY OWN HOME IN MY SPARE TIME I BECAME A SOCIAL LION MY FRIENDS ARE ASTONISHED
O. SOGLOW

I TOOK my prejudice against the Little Theatre Movement over to the American Laboratory Theatre, where they are giving Scribe's "A Glass of Water," and had it reinforced so that I guess nothing will have to be done about it for years.

With the customary Little Theatre monotony and lack of tempo, a cast threads the labyrinthine comedy pointing the toe, scraping the heel, and being arch and graceful, arch and graceful, arch and graceful.

The trouble with Little Theatres is that whenever they're going to amount to anything, they always seem to have done it before I had time to drop around.

—CHARLES BRACKETT

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No, waitress, I want that small table over by the wall—alone! And coffee and a mixed grill—and rare!

—GRACE HEGGER LEWIS

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The sides of the letters fashioning Mr. Coolidge's words, facing westward, will be gilded so that the setting sun falling upon them will give brilliance to the story of the United States.—*The Times.*

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WOMEN'S POWERFUL DRY BODIES BEGIN DRIVE TO OUST LIGGETT—*Headline in the Boston Herald.*

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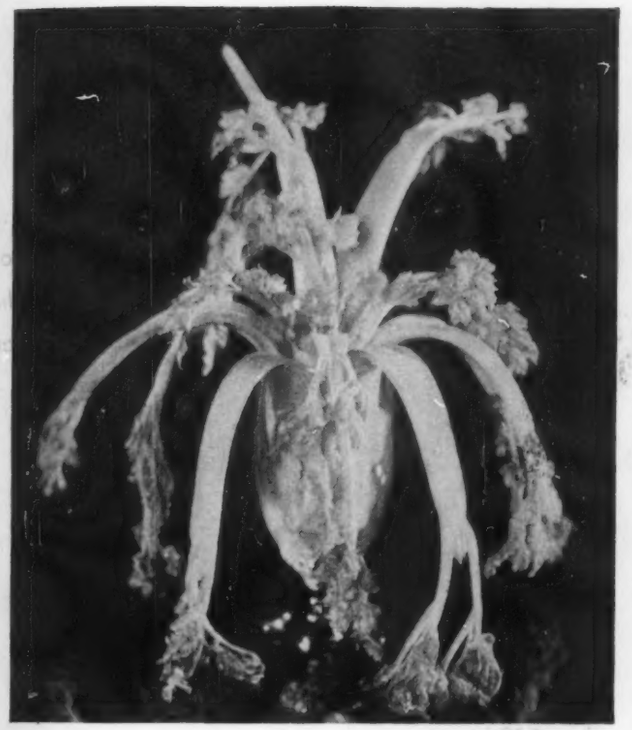

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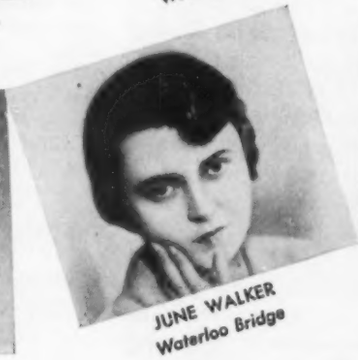

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EVERY now and again, in the theatre and out of it, one is reminded afresh that the artist's business is the truth as he sees it, the effect on mere onlookers being none of his business at all. Consider, for instance, Eugene O'Neill's "Diff'rent" with its ghastly colloquy between the amorous old maid and the young soldier lounging insolently on her sofa. To many in each audience, that is a scene scalding in its embarrassment. To some it is enormously funny. I suppose the actress who plays that scene is always vaguely affronted by any rowdy guffaws, but she has no right to be for each playgoer is inalienably entitled to his own reactions and the guffaws, of course, are really a comment less on herself than upon those who emit them.

These edifying reflections are prompted by a stray anecdote about little Morris Mogilewsky being led through a museum and pausing long before the celebrated canvas of the Roman arena with the lions devouring the early Christian martyrs. The lad was more visibly moved by the picture than the dead-and-gone painter, in his wildest dreams, could have foreseen that anyone would ever be.

"Look, Mamma," he cried tearfully, just before she gave him a *schlag*. "That lion over there in the corner—he hasn't got any Christian."

"YOU have not traced the story of the girl and the dead man in the subway back far enough," writes my precious leader, Edmund Pearson, who is shortly to be recalled to Harvard to occupy the Chair of Murder. "In its earlier version it was (pardon me) a better yarn. Finley Peter Dunne *fils*, who thinks that you and I are the two nicest old gentlemen in New York, with the longest memories, and that we used to walk down Broadway in the mellow twilights of 1815, chanting glees with Washington Irving and Fitz-Greene Halleck—Mr. Dunne, I say, would be shocked that you did not recall the grimmer story which came out in *The Bookman* about 1902 when, under the editorship of Harry Thurston Peck and Arthur Maurice, that was a most readable magazine—as it is now again in 1930.

"This story was a corker. There was the old, horse-drawn 'bus, toiling slowly down Fifth Avenue in a blinding snowstorm. Everything silent, since the snow was already four or five inches deep. The middle-aged couple lived in Washington Square and had been at the theatre—way up town, say at Thirty-eighth or Fortieth Street. They enter an empty 'bus—you remember those 'buses in the days when *Life* was constantly caricaturing them and their lean horses. They had straw on the floor; a driver on the box; a smoky oil lantern at the front; a tin box in which you put your fare; and a door which the driver opened with a string when you signalled that you wished to get out.

"The 'bus, with the man and his wife, goes slowly through the snow down as far as—well, Twenty-second Street—when three other passengers get on, two young fellows supporting a third, whose heels drag. They address him as Jim, and tell him to buck up. But Jim is far gone in liquor; or, as they said in the sprightly 80's, he has a jag. He can do nothing for himself. A few streets below, one of them again tells Jim to buck up, slaps him on the back and gets out. A little later, the other one repeats the advice to Jim, and he, too, gets out. Jim is still silent; still sullen; and still slumped in the seat. Then the man leans forward and takes a look at Jim. Instantly he gets up, pulls the cord, and says to his wife: 'We get out here.' And out he gets, followed by his indignant and scolding wife. They stand in the drifting snow, near the corner of Fourteenth Street, and the wife wishes to know if her husband is crazy. Seven blocks still to go, and get her out in this blizzard—what does he mean? Her husband says: 'Did you see that young man?' No, she didn't. What has that to do with it? 'Well, I did, and his throat was cut from ear to ear.'"

IT is a chastening thought for your correspondent, that the item which has provoked more comment by post and telephone than any printed in these encyclicals within the past twelve-month, was written by someone else. I refer to the blunt epithalamium recently quoted here from the Fountain Inn *Tribune*. Judging from the freshet of correspondence on the subject, I appear to have been the only literate person in the country not previously familiar with that most engaging South Carolina journal.

"I doubt whether the wedding story is real," observes James A. Hoyt, from the safety of the lower Broadway canyon. "I used to write up weddings and murders for South Carolina newspapers, and had to suppress the desire to write realistically, else I would not have lived to my present not yet ripe old age. On one occasion I did write—and print—the story of a widower's courtship of his second wife at his first wife's grave, but found it convenient to leave town for a few days."

Of course I have also been showered with other paragraphs from Mr. Quillen's newspaper, the most recurrent clipping being his item which recently set forth the following singularly vital statistics:

> Born, on Monday, January 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daderight, a son. The little fellow has the community's sincere sympathy. On his mother's side are three idiots and one jail bird of record, and nobody on the father's side of the house can count above four. With that start in life, he faces a world that will scorn and abuse and eventually hang him through no fault of his own.

THEN from Deems Taylor comes the following music note:

> I meant before this to comment appropriately upon your remarks about "Peter Ibbetson" and my alleged addiction to changing my mind hebdomi—what the hell's that word?—about librettos. As a matter of fact my newest libretto is a great secret; and I'm sure that *this* time I am making no mistake. I am setting an adaptation (my own) of Beman & Smith's "Plane and Solid Geometry."

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—ALEXANDER WOOLLCOTT

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"Oh, pretty good. I'd like—"

"Hope you weren't hit too hard in the Wall Street crash, Mr. Herold."

"No, not so hard."

"Has Mrs. Herold been having the old headaches lately? Sims & Sims sincerely hope not, this fine morning."

"No, they're better."

"Sims & Sims hope you'll have a happy Easter, Mr. Herold."

"That's nice."

"And they wish you many happy returns of the day on your birthday."

"That's nice. It's not for four months, but it is nice of them."

"And they hope you and Mrs. Herold and the children escaped the flu this winter."

"That's awfully, awfully nice of them."

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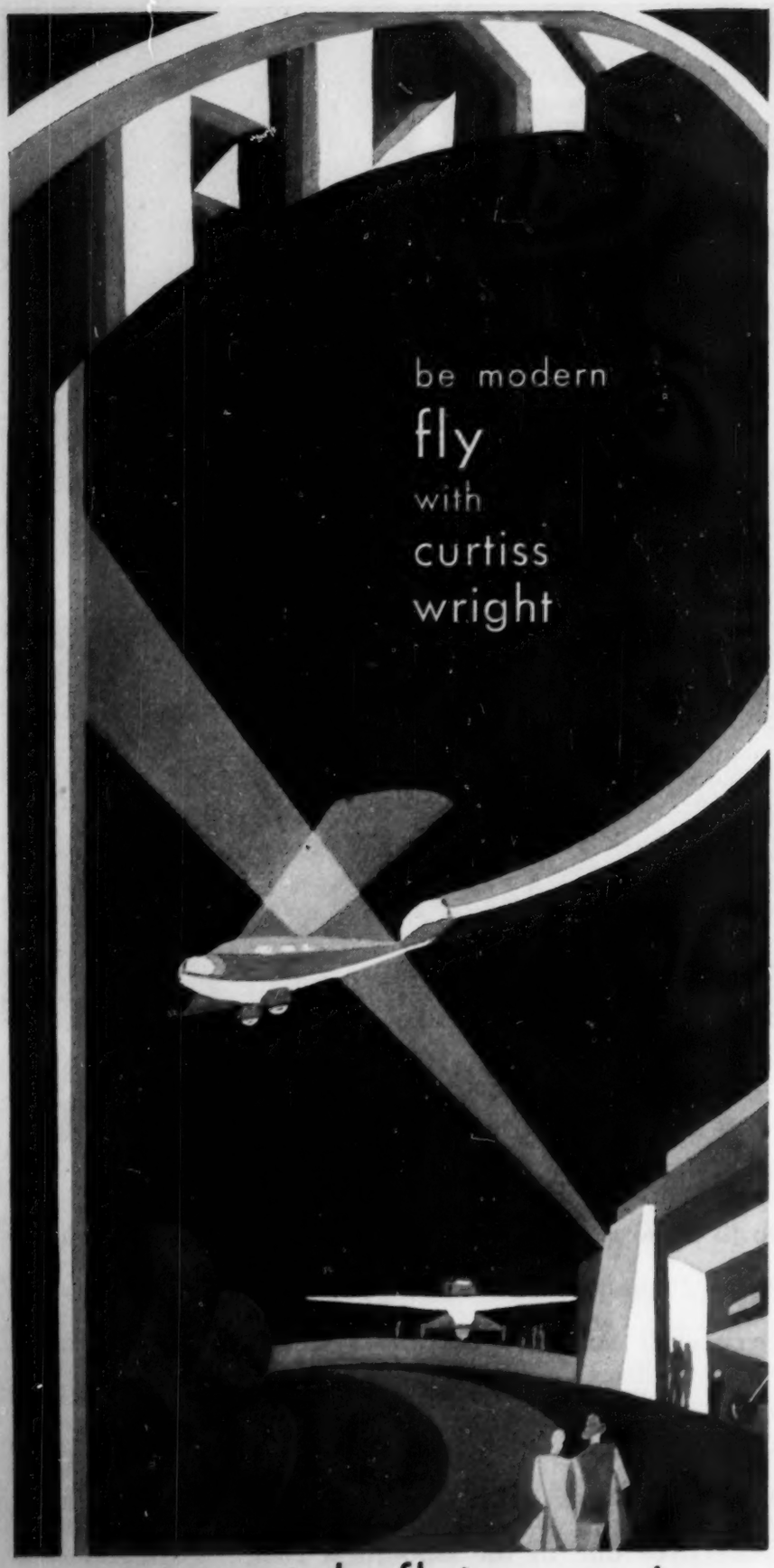

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"That's nice."

"Oh, by the way, Mr. Herold, Mr. Frank Sims—no, Mr. George Sims—well, perhaps I had better say Mr. George Sims, Junior, wonders if you could play golf with him at his club, a week from next Friday. Sims & Sims would be delighted."

"Yes, I think I can."

"That's fine. Sims & Sims will be delighted. Sims & Sims send their love to Mrs. Herold. What is her first name?"

"Katherine."

"Well, Sims & Sims send their love to Katherine and the kiddies."

"That's nice. Now, could I speak to Mr. Jackson?"

"Certainly. Sims & Sims will be delighted to have you talk as long as your little heart desires to Mr. Jackson. Just a moment, Mr. Herold."

She tries Mr. Jackson in the scooter department.

"I'm sorry—that is, Sims & Sims are sorry, Mr. Herold, but Mr. Jackson has just this minute gone out to lunch. Will you phone again at one-thirty?"

"Like hell I will."

—Don Herold

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PLAINT

There was never any reason
Why I, for one ecstatic season,
Should not love you; yes, and love
The tricks you're *quite* unconscious of—
Your rumpled hair, your nervous hand,
The way you walk, the way you stand,
The way you look at me to show
We two know well the things we know!

And there are many reasons why,
Since you are you and I am I,
And love is always best that's brief,
And bravest souls can thrive on grief,
I should cease to love you now,
Call love a bird upon a bough,
And let some other lips supplant
Your lips—but damn it all, I can't!

—Frances M. Frost

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V—TWO FAMOUS FIRE ENGINES

BY common usage among the old volunteer firemen the word "engine" became "en-jine," and a man was never said to be a member of a fire company but to "run with the masheen." An engine of unusual weight and power was called a "bull en-jine," but no fireman was ever willing to admit that his own engine was not a "bull en-jine," and if necessary he resorted to his fists to impress its worth upon scoffers. Out of this pride of possession, and the natural desire to be first, grew the feuds, jealousies, and riots which kept the department in an uproar from the importation of the two original New York fire engines from London in 1731 to the disbanding of the volunteers in 1865.

THE rivalries of the firemen were at their height during the great riot era of 1830-1850, when New York was so often torn by election and abolition disturbances, and outbreaks of the great gangs of the Five Points and the Bowery, that soldiers were frequently called upon to suppress the rioters. Scarcely a fire occurred at which there were not several fights between rival companies, and clashes between the volunteer runners. Fierce combats began simply because one engine had beaten another to a fire, or had usurped the only handy fireplug, or had "washed" a rival machine. This last *casus belli* arose from the fact that the old-time fire engines were not powerful enough to pump water through long lines of hose, and as a result it was frequently necessary for the engine at the hydrant to pump the water through a line of hose into another engine, which would, in turn, pump it on to the fire, or into a third engine, depending on the distance the water had to be carried. The aim of every engine crew was to pump so much water into the engine next in line that it overflowed; in which case it was said to have been "washed." Frequently the companies devoted more time to fighting for fireplugs and trying to "wash" each other than they did to extinguish the flames.

During the summer months, and occasionally even in winter, the firemen posted lines of sentinels from the nearest alarm station to their engine houses, and when an alarm came in it was relayed down the line. When the news of a fire and its location reached the house, special details of fighting men were hurried ahead to capture a fire hydrant or a cistern and defend it against other companies until their machine arrived. One of these advance guards always carried a small barrel, which he popped over the hydrant, and then lurked with his mates in nearby doorways, while scouts of rival companies scurried hither and yon searching for the fireplug. When the advance guard's engine arrived, the barrel was tipped over, the hose attached to the plug, and a great shout of victory set up as water was played upon the fire. Although the engine with the stronger men at the brakes could almost invariably wash another, it was considered the acme of humiliation for a machine to be washed, and members of some of the old companies whose engines had been so worsted wore mourning bands and flew a streamer of crape from their apparatus until they had wiped out the disgrace by daring deeds, or by washing other engines. Until an engine had been washed it was called a maiden, and a machine which retained its pristine condition year after year was finally invested with the honorable title of Old Maid, and to all intents and purposes was canonized by the firemen. Most of the washings occurred at fires, but sometimes contests of this sort were held, along with those for height and distance of stream, at the numerous Liberty Poles which had been erected throughout the city, and beneath which patriotic exercises were held. The most famous of these poles was that raised in 1834 by Tom Riley at Franklin Street and West Broadway, in front of his Fifth Ward Hotel and Museum.

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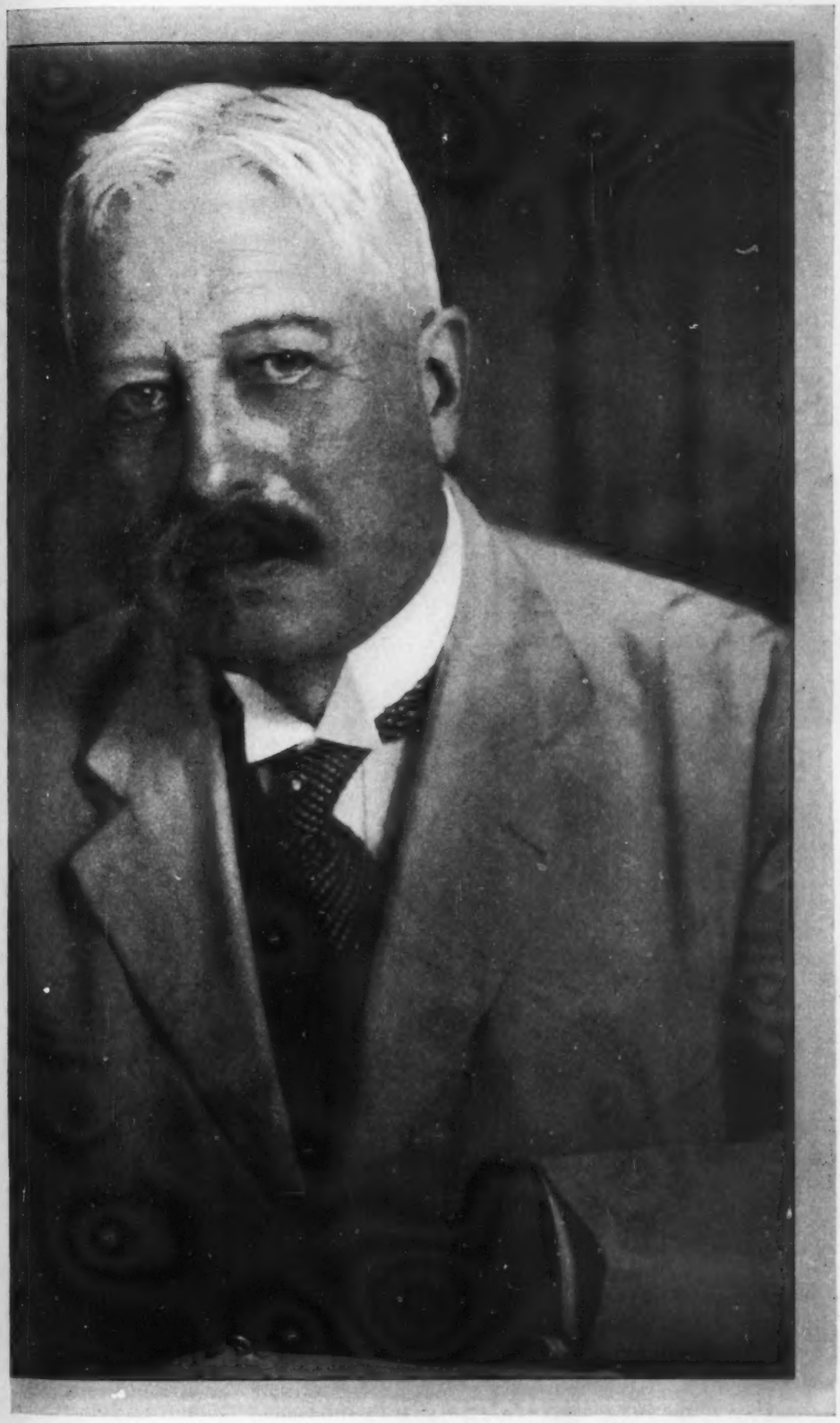

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quarters in Nassau Street opposite Federal Hall, now the Sub-Treasury. The first engine used by No. 15 was an old square-box machine, and was known as Old Wreath of Roses because of the design painted on the back and panels, but in 1813 the company received a new goose-neck engine and removed to a house in Chatham Square. Soon afterward the name was changed to Peterson Engine No. 15, to commemorate the exploits of the company's foreman, William Peterson, who lost his life in the great fire of May 19, 1811, which started in Lawrence's coach factory in Chatham Street and destroyed ninety houses. Thereafter, until the company was disbanded in 1849 for participating in a political parade, Peterson's portrait, appropriately entwined with flowers, decorated the engine, and in the parades was emblazoned on a silken banner.

At the height of the Old Maid's glory, during the eighteen-thirties and the early eighteen-forties, the membership of the company included some of the most celebrated fighting firemen of the period. Among them were Country McCluskey, a noted slugger and Tammany heeler; Sam Banta, who later went to California with the pugilist, Yankee Sullivan, and saw Sullivan hanged by the San Francisco Vigilantes; John McCleester, and the four Chanfrau brothers—Frank, Henry, Peter, and Joseph. Frank Chanfrau was an actor, and created the rôle of Mose the Bowery B'hoy in "A Glance at New York," which was produced in 1848 at the old Olympic Theatre. The author, Ben Baker, was a prompter at the Olympic, and one of No. 15's runners. Baker so loved the Old Maid that he used to sleep curled up under the engine tongue, so that when an alarm came in he could carry the signal lantern. He wrote "A Glance at New York" to pad the bill at his own annual benefit, and so phenomenal was its success (it ran for twelve weeks), that he immediately followed it with half a dozen other pieces in which Mose the Bowery B'hoy was the principal character. They were as popular as the first, and during one season Chanfrau played Mose in two New York theatres and one in Newark on the same night.

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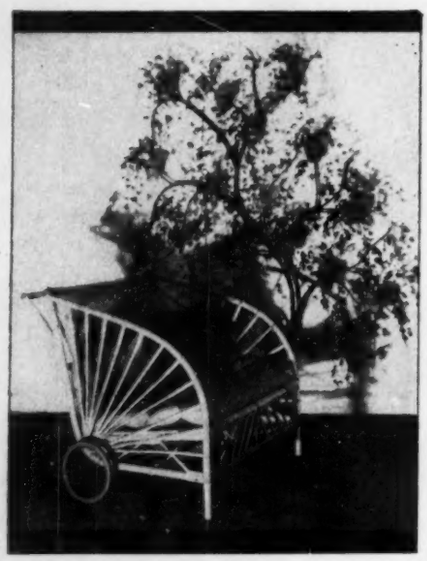

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enemy. Old Mose, a huge man, and a typesetter by trade, was probably the most ferocious street brawler New York has ever produced. If opportunities for fighting did not come to him, he sought them, and what time he was not pulling on the drag-rope of Lady Washington and leading his fellow firemen into battle, he was marching at the head of the Bowery B'hoys into the Five Points on forays against the Dead Rabbits, Chichesters, and other gangs. Only one man ever whipped him, and that man, curiously enough, was Frank Chanfrau's elder brother, Henry, himself a fighter of great renown.

During the period of its enmity with No. 15, Lady Washington Engine, popularly known as the White Ghost, lay in Mulberry Street, and the men who pulled its rope were an aggregation of noted fighters. Most of the Bowery B'hoys were among its runners, and the company membership included, besides the mighty Old Mose, a celebrated slugger called Orange County, who had flaming red hair and wore enormous boots studded with nails so he could more effectively stamp his prostrate foes; and another, Jim Jeroloman, a shipbuilder six feet and four inches tall, who wore huge earrings that dangled almost to his shoulders.

THE fight in which Old Mose finally met defeat at the hands of Henry Chanfrau was one of the city's classic street brawls. It occurred on a Sunday afternoon during the summer of 1838, when the rivalry between the two organizations had reached fever heat. Returning from a fire in South Street, the companies, which had been taunting each other throughout the conflagration, raced up Pearl Street together, on opposite sides of the street. Each engine was fully manned and accompanied by a full complement of runners, so that there were about five hundred men and boys at the ropes, followed by a dense crowd which had deserted the ruins of the fire for the more exciting prospect of a fight. Passing from Chatham Square into the Bowery, hostilities began when the two engines were forced into a collision by the closely pressing crowd. Country McCluskey was at the head of No. 15's rope, confronted by the giant Jeroloman of Lady Wash-

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ington, while at the end of the line Hen Chanfrau found himself face to face with the redoubtable Old Mose. The foremen, Colloday of No. 15 and John Carlin of Lady Washington, tried to prevent a fight and keep their men moving, but as soon as the companies came together Jeroloman put his earrings in his pocket and then jumped at McCluskey's throat, while Old Mose roared ferociously and leaped at Hen Chanfrau. The next moment the two companies clashed all down the line, and hundreds of men were kicking, stamping, biting, and hitting, while gleeful roars came from the crowd that now packed Chatham Square and seethed through the side streets.

THE fight surged this way and that for more than an hour, with neither side gaining an advantage, when Country McCluskey suddenly rushed head first against Jeroloman, butted him in the middle, and knocked him down. He thereupon proceeded to stamp him, while the firemen of No. 15 rushed in with renewed vigor and compelled Lady Washington's champions to give ground. Meanwhile a fireman of No. 15 named Freeland was administering a sound thrashing to Orange County, and Hen Chanfrau was nobly holding his own with Old Mose. Throughout the battle Frank Chanfrau, then but twelve years old, had watched eagerly from the top of an awning pole in front of Alvord's hat store, in the Bowery near Chatham Square, where he was employed as a clerk. When he saw his brother fighting on even terms with Old Mose he shrieked, his shrill voice rising high above the din:

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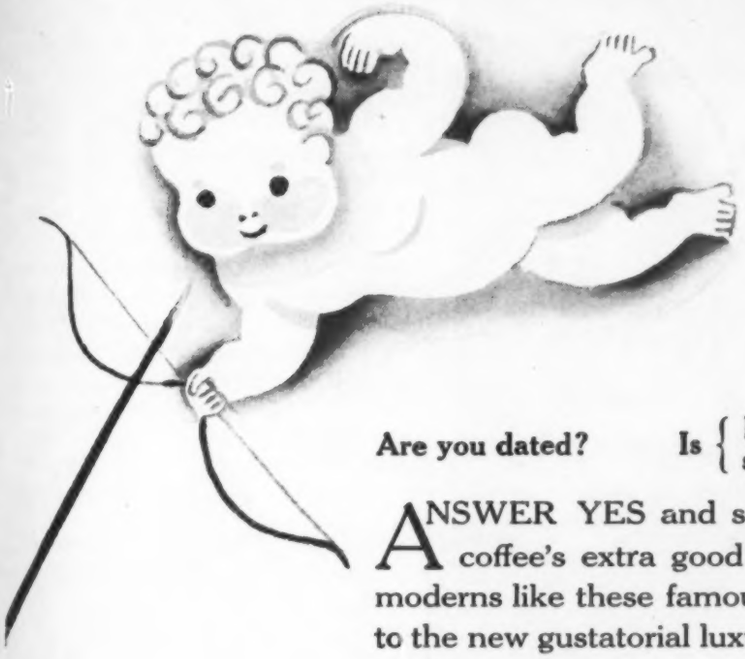

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The fight ended hostilities between the two companies, but Lady Washington never wholly survived the humiliation of the crushing defeat. The Bowery B'hoys deserted it, and many of its best men withdrew. Old Mose disappeared soon after the fight, and was next heard of as the owner of a billiard parlor in Honolulu. Later he became an intimate of the King of the Sandwich Islands, and married a native woman, rearing a family of some thirty children. He never returned to New York, but memories of him remained, and as the years rolled by enough fantastic legends clustered about his gigantic figure to place him among the folk-heroes of America.

—HERBERT ASBURY

(This is the last of a series of articles on the history of fire-fighting in New York.)

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ANAGRAM RHYMES—I

[CAN YOU SOLVE THE ANAGRAMS CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING RHYMES? THE ANSWERS ARE GIVEN ON PAGE 77.]

I

RIDE with a "t" may be TIRED, I guess,
Which, with a "c," buys a jewel or dress,
With "e," you have done this while learning to spell,
To be this, with "s," one never should tell.

II

SORE may be bad but "g" makes it worse,
With "u," it's the lads who will murder and curse,
"M" makes the place where death meets the hearse,
And "e" makes it what you will think of this verse.

III

The CEDAR was growing when culture began,
Add "t" and "e" for what God did to man,
With "n," keep this filled at least part of the time,
With "e," this occurred at the scene of the crime.

—ALBERT CARROLL

HOCKEY

Doping the Cup Series
Giddens and Palmer—
Schoolboys in the Garden

HEADLINES of last week described the Rangers' games as "contests for second place." The headlines were misleading. It is true that for quite a while the Rangers and Chicago have been running even for second place in the American group—so even that every time one of them dropped a game the other stepped up a place in the ranking—but if "contest" implies volition on the part of either team to finish ahead of the other, it is an inaccurate term. Neither the Rangers nor Chicago wants to finish in second place. Both want to finish third. However, because deliberately dropping a game would be, by hockey standards, an unconscionable blot on a team's reputation, the two teams are trying to get where they don't want to be—trying to get in second place, while each realizes that to finish there would practically remove it from consideration as a contender for the Stanley cup.

IT is a silly situation, but then the whole system of hockey playoffs, by which ten teams play all winter to bring about the elimination of four of them, and then pair off so that the championship and the big money of the final series depend on a few post-season games—the whole of this is illogical in the extreme, and has its only justification in the fact that it is the most exciting method of deciding a championship used in any sport. Hockey rooters know that anything can happen in the playoffs, but everyone dopes the Rangers as having a better chance to come through if they finish in third place instead of second. If they play off in second place and face the Canadiens, the Canadiens will be a safe bet to beat them, or at least to give them such a fight that even if they win once more they will be an easy mark for the finalists. If they play off in third place their opponents probably will be Ottawa, who should not give them much trouble, and the team they play for the right to get into the Stanley Cup series will be slowed down by having just come through a struggle. In the first playoff position, the big Maroon and

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MEANWHILE what is really the Stanley Cup series of college hockey has been fought out for the last two weeks in New Haven and Boston. In many ways it has been a repetition of the Yale-Harvard series of last year and the year before: every year Yale gets a championship team, and cleans up all the other colleges, and then Harvard comes along and stops them. Last year Yale nosed them out, but dropped a game; two years ago, when Yale looked even stronger, Harvard won. This year Harvard lost the second game of the series 1–3, but the fact was overshadowed, in Harvard minds, by the memory of the way they took the first game of the series at New Haven in an arena crowded with every alumnus in Connecticut and most of the undergraduates, all of whom had turned out in the firm conviction that Yale was going to win by seven goals. Only one Harvard man was regarded as really dangerous—Bobby Giddens, an Ottawa boy who plays right wing, and who made a name for himself in the 1928 series by skating off Ding Palmer. Giddens is already signed to play for the Bruins—perhaps not actually signed, but anyway an agreement has been made between Giddens and the Boston club, and he knows that a good-sized sum of money is there for him whenever he is ready to go to work. However, Giddens hasn't been able to play much hockey this year. He has been behind in his marks since Thanksgiving, and became eligible only a little while before the Yale game. He was lucky to go along with the team as a spare. The star of the present series, from a Harvard standpoint, has been Sam Batchelder, a husky defence man who can carry the puck on the attack like another Eddie Shore.

Though Ding Palmer of Yale is one of the great college players of the past decade, no professional team has been able to sign him up yet. The Rangers were after him for a while, but without success. That may be just as well for the Rangers. Not many American college stars have done well in big-time hockey. Myles Lane showed promise, but he didn't have the proper temperament; he had to stand a lot of bruising from the roughnecks of the league, who were laying for him because of the publicity he had got by being a Dartmouth graduate. When

Lane was bumped around he got sore, and showed it so definitely that he spent most of his time in the penalty box. George Owens has certainly made good for Boston, but he was not snapped up while still a senior, like Giddens and Lane; he had been out of Harvard several years, drawing big crowds in Boston with the University Club team, when the Bruins signed him.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, which takes a hand in fostering hockey now and then, turned its ice over Tuesday to prep-school teams from Hoosac and Storm King for a hilarious and energetic hour. So few schools, especially small ones, have the nerve to bring their hockey out in public, in the city, that we are ready, proud, to make a personal admission. We went to Hoosac. We played some position, now become vague to us, on the hockey team there. Right wing, probably—the speedy Hoosac right wing. We can describe exactly how you go about hockey there. You wait impatiently for the master to let you leave the lunch table, and you run across the quad, and get your skating clothes on, and walk across the B. & M. tracks, through one short and one long covered bridge, up a hill. There is the pond, in a cup of high land, with birch and pine trees round it. Clear black ice through the fall turns white before Thanksgiving, when they begin to cut it. You put your skates on in a deserted flour mill, and in the winter, before practice starts, you usually have to help shovel the snow off the rink. We don't know how they do it at Storm King, but to anyone who has practiced on a place like the Hoosac pond, Madison Square Garden seems a stuffy place.

The schoolboys, like the collegians, are still playing the antiquated on-side rules, with no forward-passing anywhere except in their own defence zones, but pressure is being brought to bear to make them speed things up. Last week the Bruins, who are conducting a campaign to get every college in their neighborhood to adopt the pro rules, played an exhibition match with Harvard, and behaved as gently as possible so as to beat them only 7–0. Maybe some day—who knows?—the new rules will reach Hoosac.

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THE first of these was between Haines and Tom Coward. In the opening game Haines got off to a lead of 5–1 by several tremendous slams, but then Coward, using some clever corner shots and hitting harder (twice in as many minutes his ball came off the wall and hit Haines in the back), worked up a lead of 12–8. Haines proceeded to take four points to his opponent's one, and at 13–12 Coward, trying to make a kill, slammed an easy one into the tin. This apparently unsettled him, for in the game of five that followed he lost the first four points, two of them out of nervousness. Haines, as if to show that he was human, hit one into the tin, whereupon Coward won four points in succession before losing hand-in. Almost before the gallery's applause had died out, Haines delivered a final smack, winning 18–17.

The score in the second game followed much the same erratic course. Haines had a lead of 7–1 before Coward, who seemed tired, began to come up from behind. At 8–2 hand-in seesawed from one player to another eight times before Coward made his third point. Then, playing a remarkable defensive game and taking advantage of some slow balls which Haines carelessly lost, he outplayed his opponent more than two points to one and tied the score at 12–all. Exhausted, he lost the next three points.

The moral of all this is that Coward never seems to be inspired to his greatest

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efforts until he is behind. In the third game, having lost two and trailing at 13–7, he made what veterans in the gallery said was the greatest comeback they had ever seen. Running all over the court returning Haines' powerful shots, he tied the score at 14–all, won the three deciding points, dropped his racquet, and lay down in the middle of the court, panting. In the fourth encounter, just to support my theory, Haines was leading 10–5 before Coward was inspired to make some of his unbelievable gets. He tied at 12–all and won without requiring an extra session.

The deciding game found both men nervous and at times careless. As usual, the features were Coward's returns and Haines' wallops, some of which came off the wall so quickly that he himself couldn't get out of the way. This time Coward's moment of greatest inspiration came when he was behind 3–8. He won the next five points and tied again at 13–all, but in the extra session Haines' strength and strategy were too much for him.

ONLOOKERS had barely time to telephone their families that they wouldn't be home for dinner before the well-known comedy pair of Hyde and Wolf was in the arena. It was their third appearance this year and their technique seems to have improved. Hyde, for example, has introduced some new gags. When Dr. Mixsell, who was acting as referee, didn't call a point which Wolf hit out until Hyde returned it, Hyde turned around sharply. "Say it sooner," he called severely. "No use my wasting a stroke." Wolf gave his customary imitation of a fighting cock, waltzing around the centre of the court, elbowing Hyde out of his way, hitting him sometimes with the ball, sometimes with his racquet. Relations between the two seemed more harmon-

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ious than before, however. At the end of a long rally which Wolf won, Hyde observed that it was a good rally. "What?" said Wolf. "Good rally," repeated Hyde, impartially. Later on, in the heat of conflict, he was heard to address Wolf by his first name.

Hyde's patter with the referee, however, was not quite so cheery. At the beginning relations were quite amicable, but after a while Hyde began throwing the ball up to the Doctor, complaining it was soft, and asking for a new one. Invariably the Doctor gave him a new one, but at one time he made so bold as to remark, "They're all alike." Hyde said nothing, but there was a noticeable coolness in his demeanor toward Mixsell from then on. This was increased in the third game when, with the score 7–all, he was refused a let he asked for. He lost the next eight points and the fourth game as well, having split the first two with his opponent. It was a pity, for a Hyde-Haines finals would have been a magnificent affair both from a histrionic point of view (no one else can leap for the ball over the back of his crouching opponent, fall on the floor, roll over on his back, and look up at the referee with the same aggrieved expression as Hyde) and for the sentimental pleasure of seeing Hyde make a direct bid for the title he held for four years.

As it was, the final round between Haines and Wolf wasn't as exciting as either of the semifinals. This in spite of the fact that it went to five games and that Wolf won the title from the veteran champion. The reason for its comparative dullness was that Haines didn't seem to be playing his best. In the first game he made six points before Wolf got one, but after that slowed up while Wolf steadied down. At one crucial point, when the score was 13–11 against him and he had got hand-in, he made a double fault. Wolf took the next two points. Haines was more his usual self in the second and third games, which he won easily, but in the fourth he seemed careless and tired out, although toward the end he made more of an effort. In the final encounter he seemed in still poorer form, at one time missing an easy ball completely. Wolf, on the other hand, made some marvellous gets, consistently used his cut serve—which bounced in along the wall, preventing Haines from slamming it—and won by a score which not even his most ardent admirers would have prophesied, 15–7. —G. T. H.

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LIFE is just a bursting of one South Sea Bubble after another; and our first view of the loud-sung and oft-photographed horsemen's paradise of Aiken was no exception. The sportsman's Valhalla, upon unbiassed examination, turned out to consist of most of the famous horsey people in America gathered together in a sleepy but increasingly opulent South Carolina town for the purpose of watching the intrepid dozen or so of their number ride over the big drag twice a week. This process of watching the drag, which really is not only very fast but also high and wide, entails either hacking out through the jungle-like shiny green stillness of the Hitchcock Woods—armed, if you are at all sensitive, with a flawless explanation of your presence—or else hiring a buggy and putting up with the inalienable right of a horse to walk very slowly up a steep sandy hill while you sniff the practically extinct odor of livery-stable cushions. Mrs. Hitchcock was the one person who looked unhappy in a buggy, for she was there because of a fall which has temporarily stopped her from being the first of the first flight. Harry Worcester Smith has been in charge of the hounds meanwhile, and he has kept up the tradition of pace. No one would deny that a good stout heart and a thoroughbred horse are necessary to ride that drag, but the hounds do seem a little superfluous, for the interest is not in them but in "who finished first." These Aiken draghunters would heartily agree with the English cut-'em-down who remarked, "We would have had a jolly good hunt if it hadn't been for the blasted hounds."

Mrs. Geraldyn Redmond and Mrs. Robert Winmill, famous as master of Warrenton, more than keep up the feminine end of the drag; moreover, not satisfied with that, the latter won three classes in the hunter trials at Camden and Aiken, while the former led the field to the wire in the recent ladies' race.

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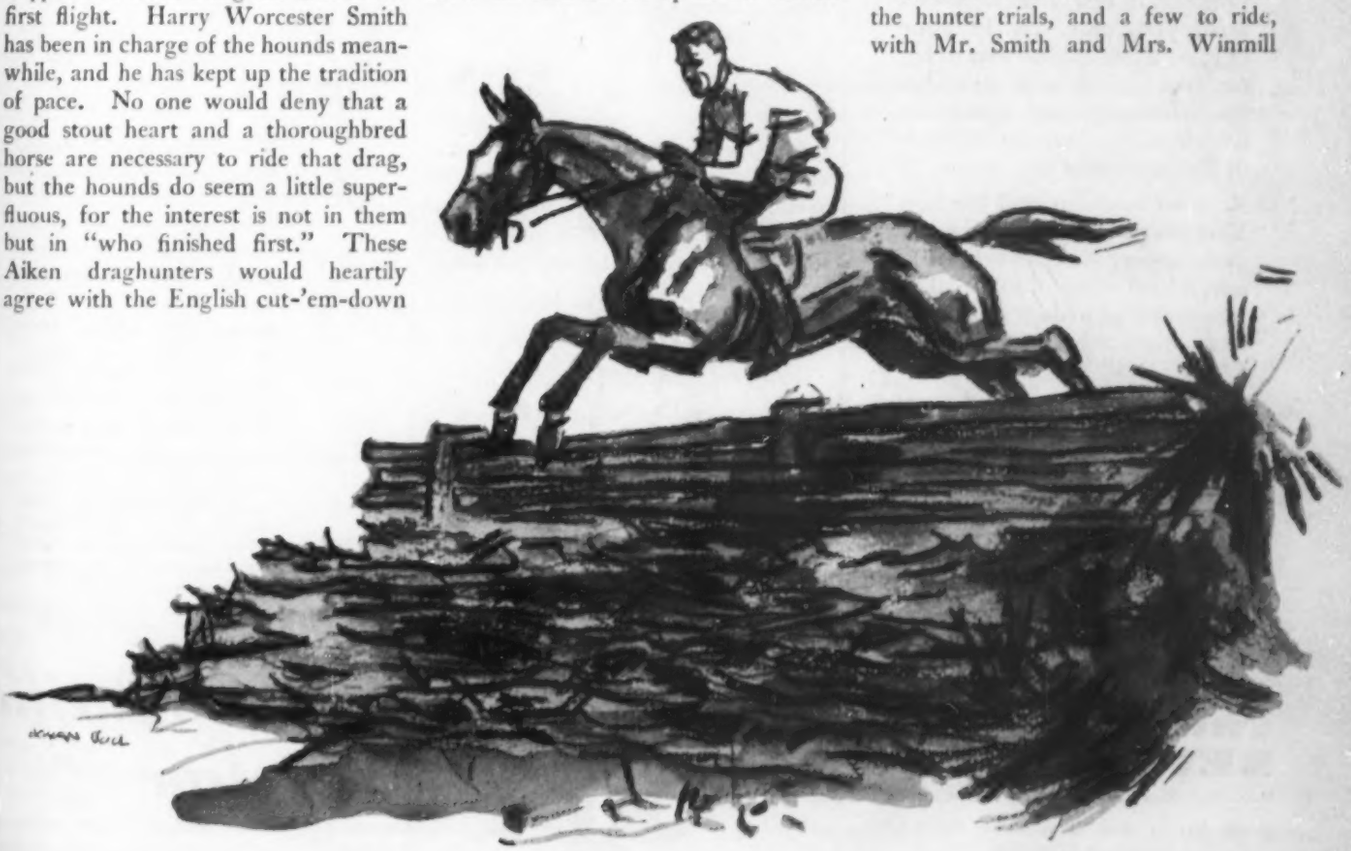
Most of Aiken came over to watch the hunter trials, and a few to ride, with Mr. Smith and Mrs. Winmill



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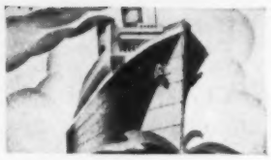
taking four out of eight ribbons. The races that afternoon, over the newly built and much-touted course, were unfortunately somewhat dull, owing to scratches. Only two started over timber—Harry Worcester Smith's versatile old Lipingo, who had been galloping all morning in the hunter trials, and Kirk's Court, from the Bedford Hills Wayside Stables, which Watson Pomeroy and his sister, Mrs. Robert Deans, run in partnership. The first turn of the field was one of the prettiest and most peaceful races ever seen. Neither horse was in a hurry, both jumping beautifully and as one. Everybody was pinning all hopes for excitement on the finish when down came Lipingo, perhaps a little weary after a strenuous week. So Kirk's Court finished alone, not worried by the determined challenge of game, riderless, old Lipingo.

The brush race had four starters, which were soon reduced to two when Harry Smith's Blockhead (stable name, Scholar) carried Tom Waller's Liroux out with him. The remaining two, Charles Cushman on his recent purchase, Markham, and Temple Gwathmey on the brand-new Fairy Lore, were having a taking-back contest, which Cushman won decisively. Fairy Lore ran out a lead of forty lengths and kept it till he cracked, and then the other horse came on and won as he pleased.

PRETTY soon the Grand National will have been run and won again, and we will all be saying, "Why I never even heard of that horse's name." It is the home of the long shot, because the unwieldy and desperate field makes the horses, good and



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bad, like men in the sight of Heaven, all equal. If there is any justice, Easter Hero, Jock Whitney's game little horse, should certainly win; last year, with top weight, he was just beaten by the featherweighted outsider Gregalach, and this year he has again won enough important 'chases to make him a logical favorite. He is a public idol in England, though most people on this side have never heard of him.

THE Pacific Coast show circuit has been and gone, receiving little notice here in spite of the crack horses engaged. Nevertheless it provided one notable sensation in the defeat of Chief of Longview, Mrs. Roth's hitherto invincible five-gaited champion. The Chief has won a lot of classes on his record and his style alone; but this time, at San Francisco, Gus Thompson was brave enough to demand performance as well, and the ribbon went to Carnation Chief. More judges of that sort are needed.

MEANWHILE, the Army's horse-show team—as well as officers on various posts—unheralded by fanfare and trumpets, undismayed by the proposed and really iniquitous bill to reduce private mounts from two to one, has been preparing for the shows here and abroad. The visit of the Italian team last autumn and the presence of an American officer at the Italian Cavalry School provide us with a clear explanation of the success which that country enjoys at shows.

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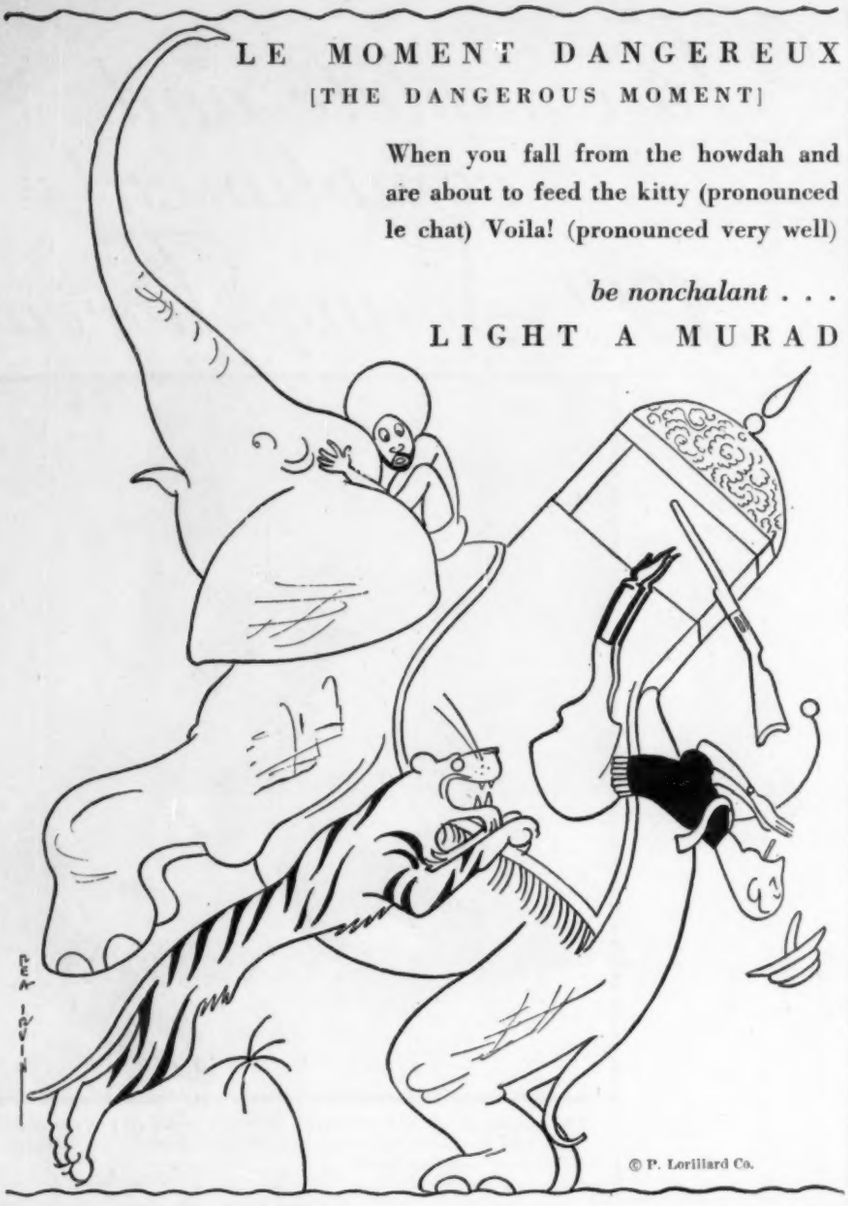

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IN the dear, dead days of my youth, some five years ago, the crude younger generation that gambolled about the town used to dine out in all manner of places, carrying either a flask upon the hip or such a load of cocktails, imbibed before emerging into the night, that further libations were not only unnecessary but risky. This was known as one of the phenomena of the post-war generation. Although those were the barbarian days of dining (for highballs with a meal mark the darkest hour before the dawn of real civilization), they were the golden days of the *Tables for Two* department. You could discuss, with fine, free frankness, the restaurant at which you had dined the night before, without receiving enraged epistles from Your Public, which had been unable to enter without a card.

So fast does the world move in five years that you are hard put to it to drag some people to a public dining-place any more. For the new type of speakeasy is a goal of sophisticated diners-out, whether they be dignified and snobbish, or curious, or merely desirous of dining and drinking well in the Continental manner.

THE rise of the speakeasy was as rapid and as phenomenal as that of Rudy Vallée. Five years ago, the alternative to the flask on the hip was to be dragged to "the cutest little place, my dear—so cheap, and anything you want to drink." The Cutest Little Place invariably turned out to be a sordid basement room jammed with tables and serving that abomination of abominations, the Italian or French table-d'hôte dinner—you know, hors d'œuvre (deceptively lovely), thick soup, dabs of fish, hunks of anonymous meat smothered in sauce—course after course, "so much for only a dollar," and worth no part of it. After all, a dollar here and a dollar there mounts up. There were violent cocktails and that masterpiece of the vinegrowers' art, Italian red ink. The mere thought of those wasted evenings turns me a shade faint. Those places, or their like, still exist, all over town, but this piece is in praise of the swell kind. Not the places where you can't see your escort for smoke, or hear his dulcet voice for

LES FOR TWO

on and the Modern Speakeasy

noise. Not the places where black-bearded strangers all but sit on your lap, and a college boy is belatedly ejected, amidst uproar, at least once an evening. Not those epicurean haunts where spumoni is considered the perfect climax to the evening meal, and the cognac explodes if you try to light it over your coffee. I mean the new kind, the luxuriously appointed places, where you drink but one or two cocktails at the bar before the meal and order the correct wines at dinner, where the food and service are considered as important as the libations accompanying it. They have become so charming, these speak-easies de luxe, that there has been a trend among the bright young drinkers toward a glass of sherry before meals instead of cocktails, a bottle of wine during dinner, port with the cheese, a liqueur with the coffee—instead of one highball after another. If things continue to progress in this alarming way, we are going to have a nation of gourmets on our hands who never heard of drinking for the effect and not liking the taste. Apparently, satiation with a hard-liquor diet can accomplish the same temperance that light-wine-and-beer laws promise to. It takes longer, of course, and you get more hollows under the eyes, but results are what count, aren't they?

THERE has been aesthetic interest in the surroundings in which you imbibe. The best places don't sling cocktails at you on an oilcloth table any more. The magnificently appointed bar has returned in droves—coëducational now, but otherwise having the correct atmosphere. Most of them are separate from the main dining-room and cultivate a wood-panelled, English tavern atmosphere. You sit around at little tables quietly having your cocktail. Some bars are done up like the old Bowery ones, with soap pictures on the mirrors, brass rails, spittoons, and all. Some are triumphs of modernistic art, with mirrors, metals, and natural woods to dazzle you. There is one in the basement of a Broadway hotel (greatly to the surprise of all) that is a knock-out.

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Lots of speakeasy dining-places in the iniquitous East and West Fifties occupy houses formerly owned by society folk —with marble fireplaces and enormous high ceilings (ventilation is no novelty any more) and mirrors and a spacious, leisurely feeling. The food, as I have said, is very good in most of them. I don't mean Colony-Restaurant exquisite, but well above the average hotel cooking. The result has been that you see nice people there—amusing ones, well-dressed ones, decorative ones, well-brought-up débutante daughters, with or without chaperones. The rowdy drunk must still haunt the basements, for he is seldom seen.

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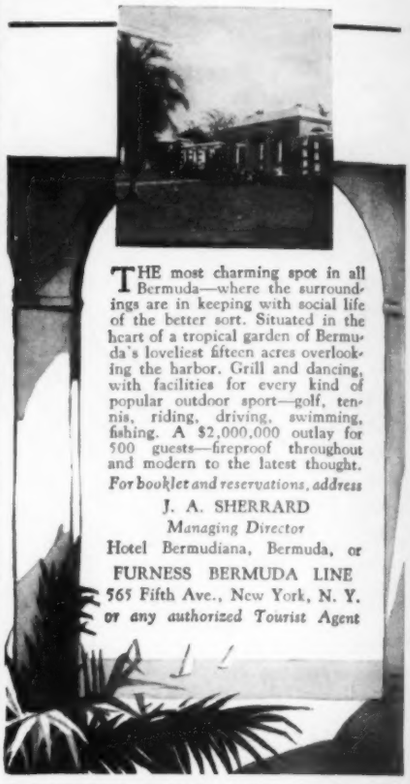

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"Louise" Thirty Years After — High-School Musicians—SignorToscanini Returns

DO you remember the time when Charpentier's "Louise" was considered a strictly contemporary opera, a reflection of Paris life, a somewhat spicy extract from the biography of a bad little French girl? Even the music was held to be a trifle abstruse—and possibly immoral. There were debates concerning the propriety of putting such a tale on the boards, and dissertations about the aesthetics of setting to music the absorption of onion soup. Those were the good old days!

The recent Metropolitan revival of "Louise" serves to expose this whilom *jeune fille* of grand opera as a kittenish female, as dated as a bicycle built for two. The production is not altogether blameless. Everything is 1900, and somebody has cast a slightly humorous glance at the turn of the century. The shirtwaist and skirt, the straw hats of the ladies, and similar touches in costumery, convert what may have been conceived as realism into caricature. "Louise" has become a period piece, and its dramatic strength has been diluted by an infusion of quaintness.

Somehow, the ethics of Louise, who left her parents to take up with the poet, Julien, seem of no moment now. The malicious animal magnetism of Paris hardly is to be taken seriously. The fine Bohemian spontaneity of students in velvet tams and the crowning of the Muse of Montmartre appear in the nature of a romp. Whether a more incisive production would have made "Louise" sound like an important opera is doubtful; time has taken too much from Charpentier's libretto.

THE best performances in the Metropolitan revival are presented by the chorus and the orchestra, playing with the euphony which Mr. Hasselmans invariably draws from a score which he has not conducted until he must be weary of it. Miss Bori, one of the finest artists in the company, loses most of her personality under the curious blonde wig with which she is

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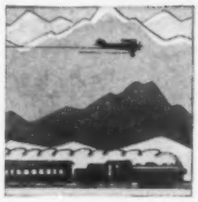

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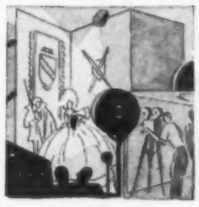

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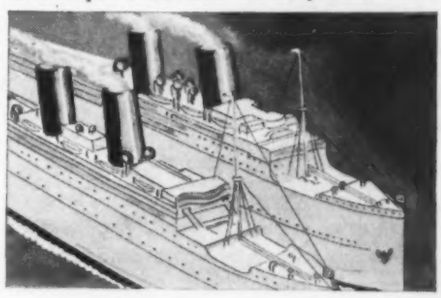

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hampered; from her first appearance in the part, I should suspect that the rôle is not one that matches naturally with her talents. Miss Telva catches neatly the irritability of the mother, although her makeup needs attention. The whole French department of the Metropolitan—M. Trantoul and M. Rothier—emerges with honor. The new tenor is not a poetic poet (I had the impression of a floorwalker with a flair for Bohemian surroundings), but there is a distinct character on the stage rather than a tenor with a goatee and a flowing cravat. Singing with great restraint, M. Rothier does one of the best jobs of his recent career. The minor rôles, which call into service almost the whole personnel except the ushers, are not very distinct, saving a Weber-and-Fields old-clothes man by Mr. Bloch, and a striking bit by Miss Parisette.

"Louise" has the charm of a chromo, and if you don't mind looking at a chromo for several hours, it still is a pretty good opera.

ONE of the largest symphony orchestras ever exhibited came to town when the National High School Orchestra squeezed its membership of three hundred and sixteen on the stage of Carnegie Hall. The young instrumentalists of this organization were selected from two hundred and fifteen high schools ranging literally from Maine to California. Under the direction of Joseph E. Maddy, the guiding hand of the idea, they played Tschaikowsky's "Pathetic" Symphony, Bloch's "America," and assisted Ernest Hutcheson in the Liszt E flat piano concerto. In the symphony and "America," Mr. Maddy's young people demonstrated no little technical skill, and they obviously had a grand time of it. Mr. Hutcheson's performance of the solo part of the concerto was brilliant and glowing—an amazing exposition under any circumstances, and miraculous in view of the patently unrehearsed condition of the orchestra.

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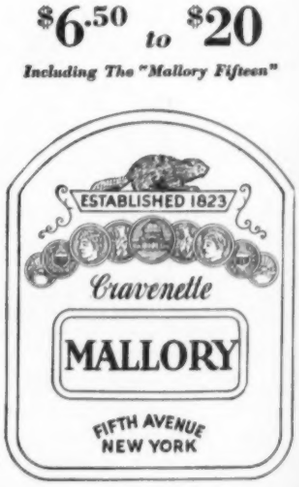

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Hall could achieve. Young instrumentalists are being trained in the performance of symphonic music, and even if they acquire no great virtuosity, they at least will form a nucleus for the understanding audience which symphonic music still lacks. Perhaps they may even persuade some of our noblest citizens that it is possible to listen with the ears as well as with the feet.

SIGNOR TOSCANINI is back, and all's well with the Philharmonic-Symphony. Everything that he conducts becomes a novelty—which is about as high a tribute as one can offer to a batonist. His latest importation, Pizzetti's "Rondo Veneziano," sounded no newer than a Mozart D major symphony, the Overture and Bacchanale from "Tannhäuser," or even the cinematically exploited Polovetzkian Dances from "Prince Igor." The fault was not with Mr. Pizzetti's well-made and adroitly scored Rondo. In fact, there was no fault involved. Signor Toscanini simply has the faculty of conducting everything as if it were a new masterpiece in which he had a personal interest.

THE uncut versions of the "Ring" at the Metropolitan have proved that the complete Wagner is more satisfactory than the truncated editions, and somehow the company has shaken off its customary lassitude when Wagner is the bill. Anyone who is bored by Wagner (and there are anti-Wagnerites, even if you can't induce them to declare themselves) will find no increased fatigue at the unexpurgated shows. Those who enjoy Wagner will find them far more satisfactory than the commuters' condensations. The greatest triumph in the whole matter is that the singers no longer have to issue exactly what they have been publishing for years and have some new material to keep them alive. As for Mr. Bodanzky—he seems to be having fun out of Wagner for the first time in many seasons, and when Mr. Bodanzky is diverted by the music in hand, there's bound to be something to hear.

Otherwise, there is nothing eventful at the Metropolitan, unless it be the emergence of Nina Morgana after a stretch of inactivity. Her voice is brighter than ever and she manages to enliven the performances at which she appears.

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reappearance by Robert Goldsand, who has tempered his style agreeably, and sessions by Horowitz and Brailowsky, both expending their uncommon gifts on characteristic programs. Marian Anderson, the young colored contralto, sang in Carnegie Hall and demonstrated not only the possibilities but many of the achievements of one of the greatest voices of our time. Oddly enough, Miss Anderson is at her best not in simple music but in florid songs or airs that demand the sort of breath and tone control which is said to be nonexistent. —R. A. S.

POPULAR SHEET MUSIC

Some First Aid for the Theme-Song Collector

IT seems about time for another roundup of *leitmotifs* from sound pictures. Not all of the songs which come crackling from behind the screen are novelties; the compilers of talkie melodies are not afraid of research, and in "The Vagabond Lover," for instance, we encounter the venerable "If You Were the Only Girl in the World," still a serviceable ballad. Some classic (in a Broadway interpretation) scores have been refurbished with strange additions by writers who had nothing to do with the originals. "The Vagabond King" includes "If I Were King," which is not from the house of Friml. "Sally" has interpolations that were not fathered by Jerome Kern. "No, No, Nanette" omits much of the Youmans music in favor of more recent material.

HERE are talkies—not all of them, fortunately, but a fair slice—with a few notes concerning their musical content. Try some of them on your piano, if you still have one.

"BE YOURSELF"—"Cooking Breakfast for the One I Love" is a good sample of the new domestic school of lyricism. (For another specimen, see "When I Am Housekeeping for You," from "The Battle of Paris.") A good dance effort is "Kickin' a Hole in the Sky," and there is a tribute to disinterested affection in "When a Woman Loves a Man."

"BLAZE O' GLORY"—"Wrapped in a Red Red Rose" is smooth, effective business. The "Dough-Boy's Lullaby" goes best when good fellows get together after the cup has been passed and passed and passed.

"CAMEO KIRBY"—You may like the waltz, "Romance."

"CHASING RAINBOWS"—"Happy Days Are Here Again" is one of the best of the

speedy trifles. "Lucky Me, Lovable You" also is recommended, especially for close-range vocalization.

"DEVIL MAY CARE"—"Charming" is good for intimate recitals. "If He Cared" carries on the torch successfully.

"HAPPY DAYS"—"Mona," an oleaginous fox trot, deserves your attention.

"HIT THE DECK"—Most of the familiar arias are there, and there is a swell new one, "Keepin' Myself for You," composed, oddly enough, by the writer of the original score.

"HONEY"—Keep an eye and an ear on "In My Little Hope Chest," and the near-spiritual, "Sing, You Sinners."

"HOT FOR PARIS"—"Sweet Nothing of Love" is one of the best featherweights of the season.

"IT'S A GREAT LIFE"—Take two: "I'm Following You" and "Hoosier Hop."

"LORD BYRON OF BROADWAY"—"Should I?" overshadows this opera.

"THE LOVE PARADE"—An unusually good score, with especial honors for "My Love Parade," "Dream Lover," and "Let's Be Common."

"NO, NO, NANETTE"—Here the old tunes are the best.

"PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ"—Several hits here, but you'll do just as well by confining yourself to the name song and "Singing a Vagabond Song."

"THE ROGUE SONG"—The "big" numbers aren't as good as the miniatures. "Little White Dove" and "When I'm Looking at You" belong on that hypothetical piano.

"SALLY"—As in "No, No, Nanette," the remains of the original music are the best contributions.

"SONG OF THE WEST"—"The One Girl" still is an exceptional tune, and "West Wind," composed by the original musician (the film is adapted from "Rainbow") is one of the better studies in Indian patterns.

"SPRING IS HERE"—The two hits have no relation to the musical comedy. They are "Crying for the Carolines" (everybody seems to like it except this listener) and "Have a Little Faith in Me," a first-rate concoction.

"UNDER A TEXAS MOON"—The title ditty is worth your trouble.

"THE VAGABOND KING"—The Frimlings have the best of it in this potpourri.

"THE VAGABOND LOVER"—"A Little Kiss Each Morning" is a gracious bit. "I Love You, Believe Me, I Love You" sounds like its title, and there are several revivals, including "If You Were the Only Girl in the World" and the perennially collegiate "Nobody's Sweetheart." —POP

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ANAGRAM RHYMES—I

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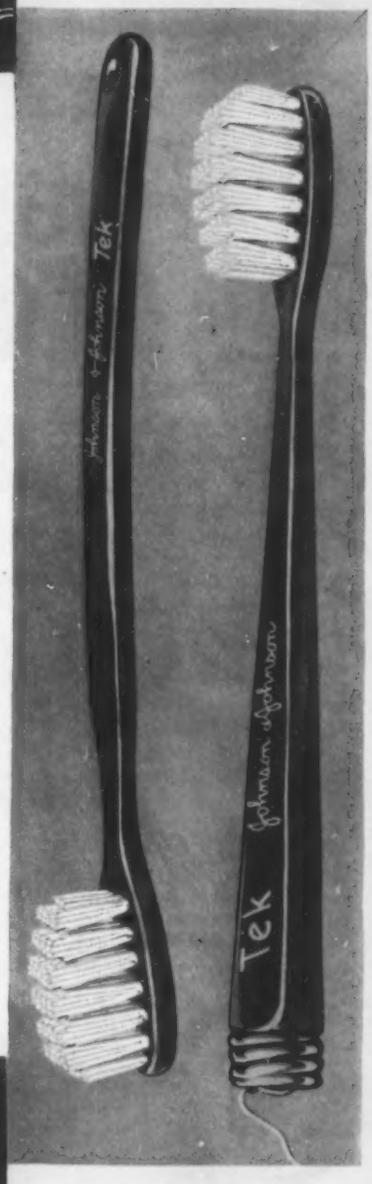

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THE ordinary citizen of this town is not interested in the British Industries Fair, but since it offers the first opportunity to inspect the inside of the great new concrete Olympia which has reared itself above the cheerless Hammersmith Road, I found myself yesterday in the mass of stalls fingering cold slabs of machinery, being squirted with germicides, gazing respectfully at barrels of Tri-chlor-tertiary-butyl alcohol. Everything which England hopes to sell to the world is here spread forth, and the effect is not a little depressing. It seemed to me, probably wrongly, that there was not a thing in all that place which anybody would want to own, with the possible exception of a barrel of Tri-chlor-tertiary-butyl alcohol, for in small doses

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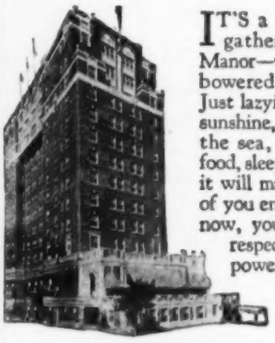

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the stuff prevents seasickness—a hardened traveller might find the barrel useful for geraniums. The lack of amusing novelty may be pardoned as an English characteristic, but the lack of taste is alarming. Here are all the things which have made England what it is. Here are the leather writing-cases with gilded daisies, the misshapen wicker furniture of the seaside boarding house, the green bowls "crying for their aspidistra," as Harold Nicolson has it, the horrible little red wooden things that hold knitting needles, all the hundred and one abominations with which the small country shop clutters its space, even to the nickel-plated framed photograph of Gladys Cooper "as purchased by the Queen." So the notice says.

THE building itself is arresting, designed deliberately without any pretension to beauty other than the fitness for its purpose. Thus the ceiling-high windows, placed to let in the light above the level of the stalls, appear from the outside as mere slots in a frowning immensity of wall. The effect is certainly novel, but one cannot help feeling that this simplification and formalization of design are a step in the direction of degeneracy. It goes, with Eric Gill and Epstein, along that same road which has led from Praxiteles through Byzantium to the conventionalized imbecility of the Russian ikon.

More such buildings will follow, notably in Park Lane, where Dorchester House is to be treated in this way. There has been trouble over that, for Sir Edward Lutyens was anxious that the rest of Park Lane should match the constructional materials of Devonshire House, next door. It will be interesting to see what the concrete engineers make of this new monster hotel, and it seems that after twenty-five years of period reproduction we are really evolving a completely peculiar style of architecture, sculpture, furniture, and decoration. I am afraid, however, that our grandchildren, when the novelty has worn off, will find it hideous. —A. G.

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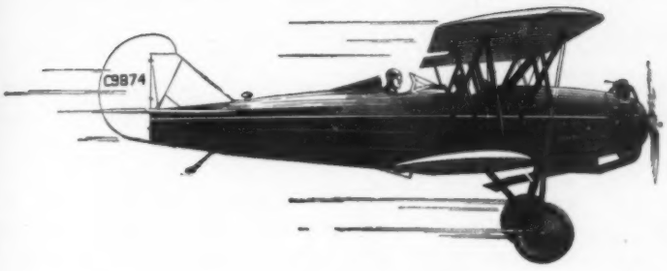

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I CIRCLED the house before settling the Travel Air on the lower lawn and as usual, Dad watched from the steps.

Once down, Gwen sprang out without my help. "Dad's always on hand, isn't he?" she asked as we walked across the lawn toward our interested onlooker.

"Never misses a take-off or landing," I answered, "even though I've ceased to be a novelty to everyone else."

Gwen's next question was simple enough, but it stopped me. When she asked, "Has he ever been up?" what could I say? Neighbors, schoolmates, even the gardener had been passengers. But Dad, never. He collects Currier & Ives prints, and to me he didn't seem the type. But I've found you can't predict just who is going to be sky ambitious and who isn't.

"Dad," I said, when we approached, "isn't it about time you and I went up to look at a few silver linings?"

"Well, son," he smiled, "if you hadn't invited me I was just about to take her off the ground myself."

We lost no time. Gwen's helmet and an overcoat were his flying clothes. We were over the elms in a twinkling. Dad was having the time of his life. Whenever I looked around he wore the same rapt expression. I took my hands from the controls—held them over my head to show the plane's automatic stability. Then back we came to the lawn in a slow glide. Dad's face was all aglow. "Wonderful experience," he said. "Never in all my life have I felt so big or so small."

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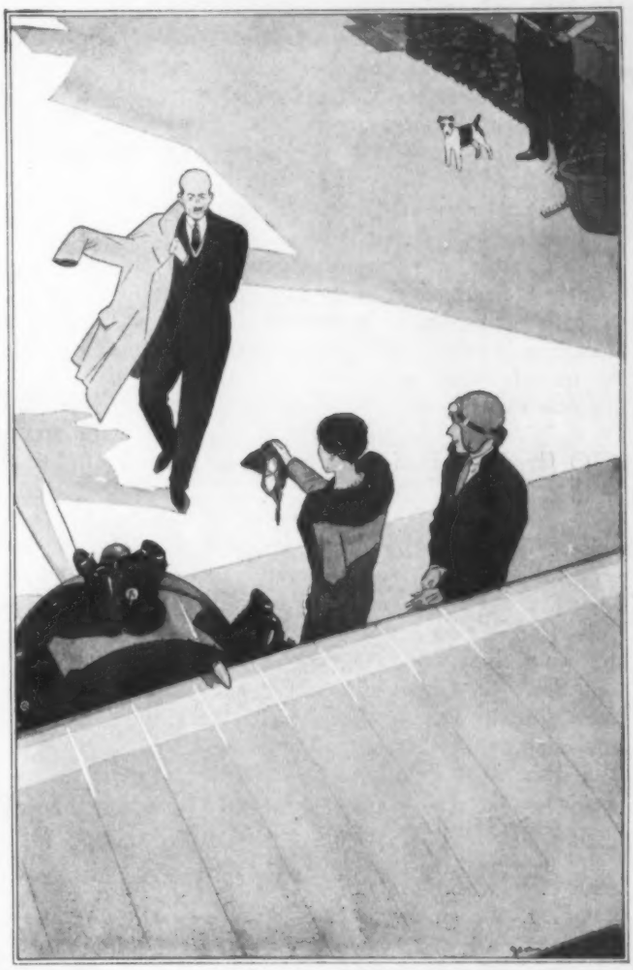

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FEMININE FASHIONS

MAYBE I haven't the proper solemnity toward clothes as such. Maybe I ought to take up another profession. Because spots before the eyes, rams, jitters, and other medical phenomena already afflict me, and I haven't seen half the collections as yet. The net result of the week's meanderings, slightly muddled, of course, follows. Most of the clothes seen at Lord & Taylor and Franklin Simon will be copied immediately for ready-to-wear; Wanamaker is showing his in the made-to-order department; Stewart's are mixed. THE NEW YORKER is not responsible for massacres in fabric and line committed by manufacturers trying to improve the new models.

SO far (my experience has been a touch limited), I have an exasperated wish to spank Mme. Chanel. Her materials are marvellous—tweedy jerseys and odd-mixture wools of all sorts—and she has the most beeyootiful ideas; but she is so likely to do one annoying thing when she carries out her idea. She takes a brown tweed suit (Franklin Simon) that is perfectly charming, and lines it with brown-and-white printed chiffon. Her black-and-white dress of this year is divinely flattering (Lord & Taylor). It is made of black jersey in coat-dress style, with circular fullness in the front of the skirt, V-seaming in back, a button on one hip, and white piqué outlining the collarless neckline in front. Then she goes and puts a rhinestone buckle on the belt and a bunch of white violets on the shoulder. Nobody minds but me, so don't be discouraged. There is a lovely suit, at Lord & Taylor too, of red knit material with a diagonal tweed pattern. This has patch pockets, buttons holding down the pleats in the front of the skirt, and a peplum back to the jacket. The season's nicest piqué blouse so far is shown with this. It has a little turn-over polo collar with three buttons below it; the oblong piece in front is buttoned down each side instead of down the middle in the old girlish manner. (Chanel has apparently done several like this—another version buttons down on the skirt in front and tucks in the rest of the way.) The blouse, however, is sleeveless, always an abomination in heavy wool suits, and white piqué cuffs are stitched in at the end of the sleeves. You know there is no sense to this. Lord & Taylor are also showing a Chanel coat in swell redingote lines, of a black knit weave with a very nubbly finish. On the plain lapels, there is a snip-finish facing of white jersey with a splashy black diamond pattern. Unless you are superlatively chic and move in circles where they Know Clothes, you are likely to look like Aunt Susie in it.

All Chanel's evening clothes were not in yet, but I hear they are marvellous. Stewart is already showing one of her little evening jackets, in red velveteen. (It may be velvet, I'm not sure.) This is a peplum jacket, with a very, very full circular cape coming over each arm in the fashion your grandmother knew well. The collar stands up high in the back and vanishes toward the front. It couldn't be more charming. Stewart is also showing another jacket, I think by Lelong, of pink velvet, with a flaring peplum, a high-scarf finish in front, and a shoulder cape edged with a band of dark fox.

THE Patous this year are not radically changed—they are feminine, very wearable, and gracious in much the manner they were last year. Patou still loves that up-and-down feeling in front, with narrow panels coming downward from the neckline and pleats down the front of the skirt that are apparently perfectly simple but conceal intricate fullness. Rose opaline (pink to you) is all over the place and lingerie touches are everywhere. His Amour Amour (Franklin Simon) will undoubtedly be a popular wow. This is of black marocain with pleats in the front of the skirt. There is a little handmade blouse of rose georgette with a girlish collar. Over this goes the inevitable bolero, which shows the blouse in front and at the waist, front and back. The back is also slit to show a prim row of pink buttons on the blouse beneath. For evening things, he occasionally shows a very deep, oval, draped décolletage that swings out from the figure. Wanamaker has a grand example of this style. Stewart is also showing a version in rose crêpe roma with a fringe,

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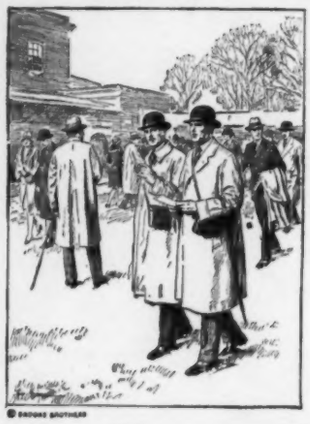

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believe it or not, on the skirt. Over the dress goes a fichu scarf of the same fabric, deeply edged with fringe.

FEW Vionnets had appeared at the time of going to press, and these I saw at Franklin Simon. Year after year, this designer goes on being inimitable. There is a suit, for instance, in a pale dirty-green homespun wool. Big brown buttons fasten this, ascending from the centre-front to the top of the hip at the side; there are barrel cuffs of brown velvet, a brown suede leather belt, and a roll collar of velvet crossing in a diagonal line. There is no seaming in the back of the shoulder at all, just to confound you. There is a day dress of a faint dirty-pink crêpe, with a V-neckline that winds up in a bow on one shoulder, and hand hemstitching making a huge diamond in front. There is a belt on this, and it is immensely flattering to the figure. Another print dress, on the same general lines, has hemstitching outlining the godets and appearing below the highish turn-over collar. Vionnet still loves to wrap her coat way round, with the point of the closing occurring below the hip on the side. She is fond of putting fur under her collars, sometimes in back only, sometimes extending downward behind the roll cloth collar over the chest in front. Buy an original if you can; her pale off-colorings are so lovely.

One white satin evening dress has a new neckline which is a little too Hollywood for my taste, but rates mention. The shoulder-straps ascend and twist at the back of the neck, revealing the entire back of the shoulder. The back is covered, save for a slit that reveals tantalizing glimpses of backbone. Another dress, of the palest blue crêpe roma, is all pulled to one side. The three tiers go diagonally downward to make a train at the side; the V-neckline front and back is pulled over and finished with a limp pouf.

While you are here, look at Patou's afternoon dress called Corinne, which features Patou's idea of having the frilly-lingerie touches descend a little in back in a shallow V. Look also at Lanvin's brown homespun for the country, with its white piqué blouse, sleeveless jacket, and cape; and at Molyneux's gray tweed dress straight down the body, with a rather loose bolero all around to make you look slimmer below.

WANAMAKER's Coin de Paris, confronted with this year's ten-

dency in Paris to put all the popular notes of the season on one dress, has mastered the situation by showing a tremendously smart collection that is still the epitome of simplicity.

There are dresses from a somewhat tamed Boulanger, for instance. A studio dress, with a pleated underdress of pale blue crêpe, has printed chiffon with big sleeves flowing over it in a gracious fashion. There is an evening dress of printed lamé chiffon with a high neck front and back (necklines are, in general, much higher in front, and sometimes in back as well), a tunic that hardly flares at all, and a straight, shortish skirt as a surprise. There is also a casual printed dress for daytime, with a neckline up to the base of the throat, a very tight waist all of a sudden, and an abruptly flaring skirt. It has intricate workmanship and an ultimate simplicity—which is Art.

WANAMAKER is showing a divine Patou suit of black wool, the jacket belted closely over a rose satin blouse. The front of the skirt and the front of the jacket below the belt are endowed with godets that are then creased sharply down the middle. There is a magnificent Callot, in a new Bianchini fabric (called, if you want to be superior, "supertigrisa") soft as the finest muslin with the general look of a finely water-marked georgette. It forms a simple, trailing, and ladylike dress in watery-green coloring that is superb. Claire Any contributes a little black wool dress with a bloused back, a peplum below this, and a base-of-the-throat neckline of white piqué, which descends a bit all around like a tiny round yoke with little points front and back.

Lanvin is represented by a perfect tweed costume, consisting of a jacket in navy-and-white diagonal tweed, unbelted and unbuttoned, a full skirt of navy wool with a sash of the two wools tied around the waist, and a white jersey blouse with a casual open-neck polo collar. Nothing could be more charming. London Trades have made a suit of a beige tailored fabric that looks like the heaviest possible tussore, but probably has wool tucked away in it somewhere. This has a vertically striped yellow-and-beige sweater with an open-at-the-collar-bone, turned-back collar. Molyneux does a refined suit of navy wool with a tunic-length jacket, a straight skirt, and a navy-and-white printed blouse with a normal waistline and pleating around the hips below this. If you are in a mood for such a costume, you

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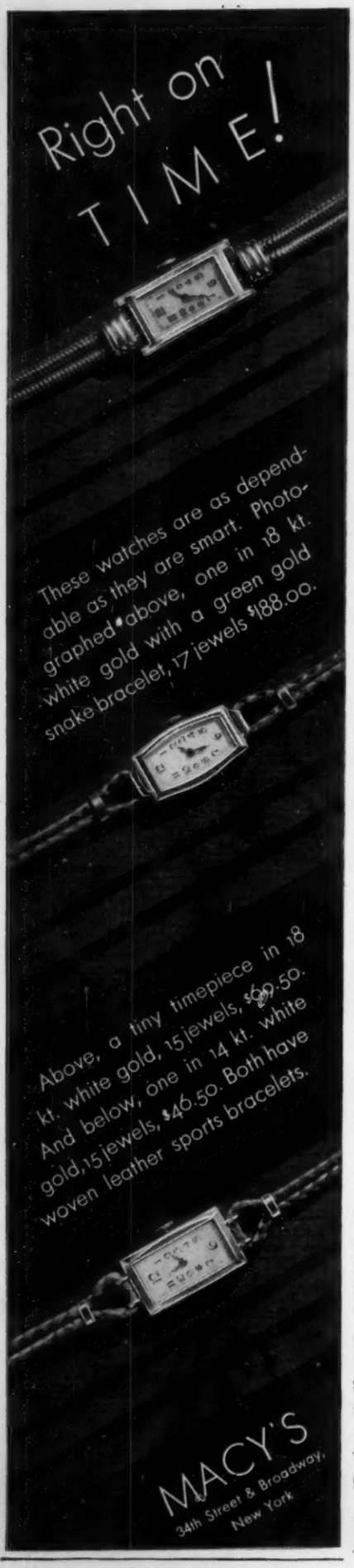
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might waver between this and one by Patou, in a navy alpaca with white printed splotches all over it.

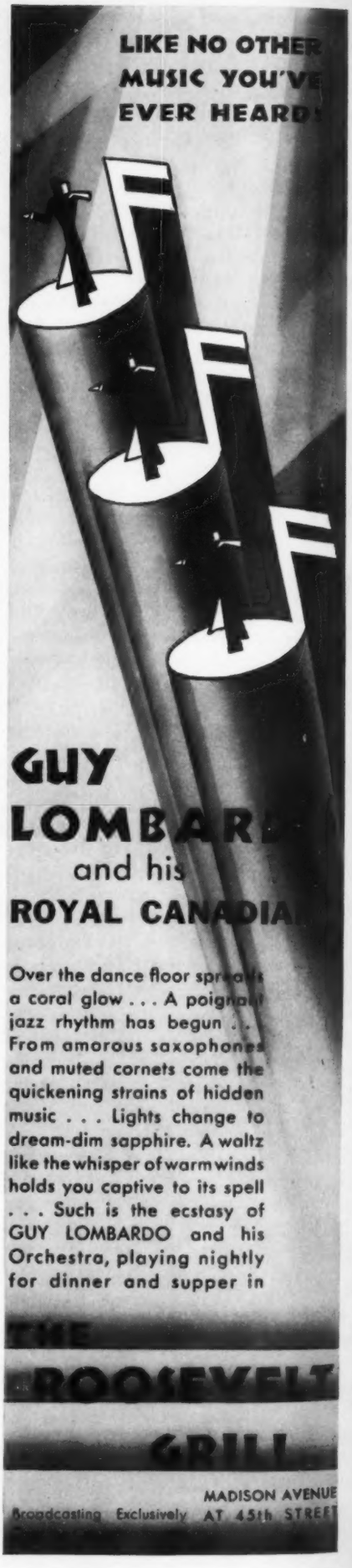
Heim does a navy coat-dress with white piqué edging the collarless neckline, a button on one hip, and a skirt circular in front. Look at a dress of beige hand-thread lace by Renée, regal to the extreme; and at her simple black evening dress with the high, square décolletage in front, a deep V in back with a fringed black-and-white pouf at the base of it, and a way of slithering down the figure. All of the clothes here are notable for the rare fact that they would be immensely flattering even to those who have not yet acquired slimth.

STEWART'S collection is distinguished by several items, some already mentioned (like those grandmother evening jackets by Chanel and Lelong and the rose-fringe evening dress from Patou), some still unknown to you. There is a breath-taking Callot here, for instance, in a new white satin with a blueish tinge (much better than white with the yellow or beige tone, which looks dirty if your catty friends wear dead white near you). This has the deepest possible V in back, with revers turned back to conceal partly the back of the arm; intricate diamond seaming emphasizes the rear; there are two pointed trains. It fairly sizzles down the figure, which has to be good. Mirande does a black evening dress with the deepest décolletage front and back yet seen, which is exaggerated by the two-inch band of flesh beading edging it. There are also some grand ladylike clothes from Martial et Armand. A cape coat, for instance, starting at a stitched-down deep V in back and coming up over the elbows; a black coat with a bolero back and a white galliac band starting just below the shoulder and edging the deep collar.

This house has also produced a cocktail dress—a combination afternoon-and-dinner arrangement that is more successful than most. The dress is black and sleeveless, with deep V-bibs in white crêpe front and back. Over this goes a white crêpe bolero, the sleeves of which start out to be white and then suddenly become black, with the effect of very long black gloves.

There are also some charming daytime clothes, flattering to young and old, from Paray and Irène Dana.

BESIDES the Chanels at Lord & Taylor (and don't let my growls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about details obscure the fact that they are pretty grand) you will find an exquisite Paquin coat of navy blue duvetyne, with seams diagonally across the back where your figure needs the most flattering, a circular flare below the buttons that close it on one hip, and a simple, collarless neckline with a cardigan finish. The effect is that of a coat dress. Buttons ascend the sleeve almost to the elbow, and there are V-pieces attached above the cuff to make it more spectacular. Look also at Patou's beach pajamas, of a heavy crash linen in oyster white that weighs a ton. The pants are deeply pleated to conceal their actual width, and buttons go down the sides. A tuck-in blouse with a shoulder-strap top completes it.

Then there are a classic evening dress contributed by Patou, in several shades of dirty-green-yellow georgette, completely off one shoulder; a red-and-white print day dress with the lingerie collar going down in a little V at the back of the neck; and a pink-and-brown Tahitian printed Bianchini chiffon evening dress (there is a bunch of adjectives for you!) which descends in a train.

The Patou hats are so amusing and spectacular that they rate much more space than I can give them at this point. Ask to see them at your favorite shop, or watch breathlessly for the words of wisdom that will emanate from this column next week. —L. L.

AS TO MEN

Names and the Tailor —Double or Single?— Something for Spring

ONE'S life would be much easier if only tailors would get together and decide what they are going to call their fabrics. I can understand that there might be a difference between the names used in New York and those employed in London: that's merely patriotic; but when each tailor in both cities has his own private nomenclature, it gets to be pretty confusing. You ask one, with great tact and a humble desire to learn, what he calls a certain fabric. "Sharkskin," he replies with finality. You go to another shop, remark politely in a knowing way, "That's a nice sharkskin," and the salesman tells you with a look of contempt that the fabric, exactly the same fabric, is called a smooth-finished worsted. The next place you go, they refer to it as cashmere. The manu-

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I PERSEVERED, however, since it's time you were ordering your spring clothing, and found that soft-finished fabrics are replacing the hard-finished worsteds, which have had it all their own way for several years. Unfinished worsteds in indefinite herringbones, diagonals, and stripes, cheviots and saxonies in stripes and herringbones that are more noticeable, as well as innumerable versions of the Glen Urquhart plaids, can be found at all the best tailors.

Tweeds are becoming more popular since they are being woven of tightly twisted worsted threads instead of soft woollen. These new tweeds are thinner, lighter in weight, and altogether more comfortable for this climate. They wear well and hold their shape, and in spite of their casual look are appropriate in town.

The new flannels are generally striped—a natural reaction from the plain gray flannel, which has been so popular that it has become a little tiresome. Dark bright blue with a grayish cast and medium gray with a slight tone of blue seem to be the favorite colors. I was told that green would be worn a lot this year, but they say that every spring. Some men like green and wear it—more power to them; but most seem to be afraid of it, and that's their business.

WHETHER your suit is to be single or double-breasted depends on your figure and on the kind of material you choose. If you select a thin fabric such as flannel, and if you are not too stout, a double-breasted jacket is practical because you can wear it without a waistcoat when the weather gets warm. A tweed, however, is much too bulky to be made double-breasted. Usually it is better single-breasted, with three buttons and notched lapels.

The shoulders of these suits may be moderately wide but they should never look as if they were padded. A certain amount of stiffening is necessary, but it should be worked in so that the shoulders appear to be natural. Trousers should be made to wear with suspenders and there should be enough fullness in the front to allow you room to get your hands into the pockets. Usually this fullness is introduced by

means of pleats, but Gray & Lampel often achieve the same results by shirring the material into the waistband.

EARL BENHAM, 15 East Fifty-third Street, has an excellent collection of cheviot tweeds in small neat patterns. They are lightweight, and I can't think of any material that would stand up better under the hard wear and uncertain weather of sports or travelling; moreover, the jacket of such a suit would look well with gray flannel trousers. Mr. Benham has a bright idea about white flannels. Instead of cricket cloth, he suggests white worsted, saying that it won't shrink as flannel does.

AT Gray & Lampel, 18 East Fifty-third Street, I was shown a tropical worsted that weighs only six ounces to the yard. This is a hard, cool fabric, firmly woven so that it will keep its shape. It comes in many shades, ranging from dark blue to light gray, and usually is striped. A hand-woven shetland, made specially for this firm, is one of the lightest and softest tweeds I have ever felt, and is intended for a separate jacket. If you like plaids you can doubtless find the one you want in this shop, where they have them in several weights and in a great variety of colors.

MCCORD & MACE, 15 East Forty-seventh Street, have unfinished worsteds in an extraordinary assortment of colors; usually these have a faint stripe, diagonal, or shadowed herringbone in the weave. If a man decides on a single-breasted suit, and if he has the figure to wear it, Mr. McCord often suggests a double-breasted waistcoat, which he cuts quite short with very wide lapels. He has carried color harmony to a fine point by obtaining buttons to harmonize with the color of the suit; the buttons are very dark, however, and do not look as odd as this idea may sound.

BERNARD WEATHERILL, 557 Fifth Avenue, is fond of saxony, a soft material usually woven in rather noticeable stripes, herringbones, and sometimes in a combination of both. He suggests them as a change from flannels. For immediate wear he offers a number of worsteds which have just arrived from England. The patterns are new versions of the pinhead: tiny dots are arranged in all sorts of designs, one a curious diagonal weave that suggests a chain. —G. McC.

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IT is not often that the stoics who brave the concrete-and-steel winter evenings of the Squadron's armory are rewarded for their endurance as generously as they were the night of the long-awaited return match between Winston Guest and his Optimists and Gerry Smith and the Brooklyn Riding and Driving Club. This game had everything a sporting event could wish. It had an atmosphere of expectant excitement that even lured the cops away from the front door and the Madison Avenue taxi snarl outside. With the first stroke there came a steady, rolling roar of applause. It was a crowd that risked evening wraps on cement steps when every row of seats was jammed to overflowing.

The game itself was almost ferocious in its steady, sustained dash, its relentlessly high-pitched tempo. There were mistakes made, here and there, but each was blotted out so swiftly by the succeeding brilliance of some other play that they never made a lasting impression.

FOR almost four years, the three men who ride with the purple stripe of Brooklyn across the white of their polo shirts have been surging through all opposition. Then, about a month ago, the Guest brothers and Lieutenant McDonald Jones went over to Brooklyn and defeated them. So strong was their reputation, however, that even those who watched that game remained unconvinced that the Brooklyn Riding and Driving Club's players had met their nemesis.

A few weeks intervened and then Brooklyn, followed by their appealingly earnest and intensely loyal band of followers, crossed the river to Manhattan. Their supporters never stopped yelling and the team never stopped fighting, but the result was the same as before.

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good measure and the game, by all normal reasoning, should have been over. It would have been over with any ordinary team. Here was the stage set for one of the overwhelming victories that have featured so many of the Optimists' games this season—but it was impossible to convince Brooklyn that they were beaten. When fouls had been deducted the second period was scoreless, and the next half was a struggle from beginning to end.

Polished as the Optimist team is, it was the grand fight Brooklyn put up that made this game a struggle that was shared by their loyal supporters in the stands. None of them ever gave up. When there was only a minute of play left, a voice rose above the excitement in the stands and shouted: "Only three more—only three more goals to go." After it was all over you remained more or less incredulous. Brooklyn had been beaten again, before your eyes.

The National is yet to come, however, and the team from across the river hasn't really been knocked from the top yet. The gilded legs of the throne are swaying a bit, but there is not going to be any peaceful abdication. Perhaps, when the crucial game of the National comes around, Brooklyn may go out somewhere and play a couple of periods before the match starts—to gain momentum. The first period has licked them twice now.

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There was one other figure who contributed to the success of the evening—Tom Brady, the referee. Handling an affair which might easily have turned into something of a shambles, he kept the play fast and clean.

ON THE SAME EVENING: A team of Cornell undergraduates, careful to play as the Cayuga Polo Club, forcing their way into the National by winning the Class D final in the eliminations. . . . The Pennsylvania Military College team clambering on rafters to watch the proceedings. They had lost that afternoon to Yale, in New Haven. . . . The lessons in how to fall properly given by Smith and Jones. Smith turned a complete somersault over a stumbling pony's head and came up with the reins still in his hands; Jones, in some miraculous fashion, landed standing up on his near side, despite a foot caught in a stirrup. . . . The policeman banging his nightstick against the boards—his way of cheering while he maintained official dignity on his features. . . . Lieutenant Jones, his voice cut to a whisper by a sore throat, saying before the start he'd be all right as soon as he "got hot." . . . Sackman, down in the stables, arranging his pony line-up. . . . All six players ready and waiting downstairs a half hour before game time, walking horses and chewing gum. —MARTINGALE

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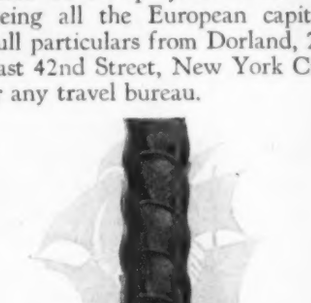

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ALTHOUGH there is display of sufficient enterprise in the movies this past week, there is little to show for it that may be considered entertaining. Of the batch released I found "China Express," at the Cameo, the most inspirited. This is a Russian picture and has been, I understand, much cut and clipped and sheared by censors—for what reasons I know not—until the narrative has become hopelessly botched. It is permeated, like all Russian pictures of today, with such a stress on its special propaganda that plausibility and the vulgar, grateful, human note are lost entirely. However, its story of a revolt of coolies on a Chinese train is essentially vivid, treated as it is in the mannered fashion of these Muscovite movies, with flashes of the camera from all angles, with "stills" of corpses, with many faces shifting into a composite face of the downtrodden, or of the thieving capitalists, with moments of irony, when the fat fingers of a bishop mark jazz time upon his prayerbook. This irony has been accentuated, too, by the able titling (this is a silent picture) of Michael Gold.

"THE CASE OF SERGEANT GRISCHA," at the Globe, is another picture on the grim side, and this rendering of a long, painful, and bitter novel of the war, an exposé of the German military system, does not fare well in the scanty outline allowed it in the film. In the novel you at least follow the motives of the high officers who make an effort to save the life of a miserable Russian peasant wrongly condemned to death, but in the picture you only reflect airily that such bother would never be taken at such a time about an insignificant entity. Curiously enough, the picture fails even to stir much sentimental sympathy for Grischa's fate. However, a definite attempt is made to follow the major current of the original novel, and there is no effort to mitigate the tragic conclusion.

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PLASTIC surgery also plays a part in Fannie Brice's new film, "Be Yourself." This time a prizefighter has his nose straightened, in the Dempsey tradition, but much to everyone's relief he gets it broken in a good fight at the end. The picture is ordinary enough—about a lady who sings in a night club, her boxing beau, and a rival, and it works out obviously and isn't much of anything anyhow. Miss Brice sings, of course, and the talking mechanism, without mercy, lifts her none too gentle voice shivering and shouting to the rafters.

THE latest Gary Cooper picture, "Only the Brave," gives us an episode of the Civil War, and appears to indicate that the mental processes of the conventional southern "belle" may have had much to do with the catastrophe of the Confederacy. Mary Brian plays the young lady concerned. It must be said of Miss Brian that no one in Hollywood can be a more strenuous worker. A picture a week appears to be her average. We hope her family appreciates her. On the whole, however, "Only the Brave" is a sentimental titbit with unexpected and untoward lapses into farce.

THE week's enterprise has even two more movies to its credit: "The Cohens and Kellys in Scotland" for the "Abie's Irish Rose" public and "Lord Byron of Broadway" for any public it has the good fortune to get.

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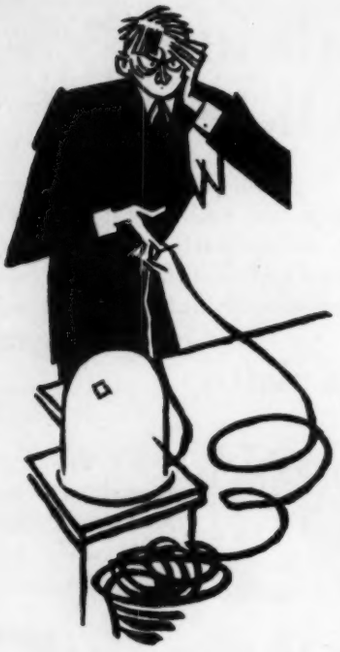

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The season will open, regardless of weather conditions, on the first Sunday that four friends have simultaneous suggestions from their wives that they do something about fixing up a flowerbed. This will be little more than a practice round, to dust off alibis and get them in working condition for a busy summer. One of the foursome will get a 98, which will convince him that he is at last catching on to the game—and so completely convince him of this that he will have an average of 109 for the season.

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Several hundred thousand enthusiasts will wear themselves out trailing around after championship matches, in order to absorb ideas about how to change their own methods to advantage. They will be successful in getting home late to dinner, and in acquiring a handy topic of conversation, but that will be about all. Despite the upset at Pebble Beach in 1929, it will be Bobby Jones against the field in the National Amateur, and there will be the usual talk about taking bread out of the professionals' mouths if an amateur happens to win the Open.

—JOHN C. EMERY

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Victim of monkey tricks,
With a counterfeit grin as you begin
Exercise Number Six.

One! two! Double and skew
At the tube-held tyrant's hest;
With clavicles sore from the hardwood floor,
Banish all thought of rest.

Bend at the waist in posture chaste,
While knees like aspens quiver;
Wriggle and squirm like a new-hooked worm—
Exercise Twelve, for the liver.

Squat, to the tune of "Kansas Moon"
Or "Rainbow Round My Whoosis,"
While the filaments chant to each gasping pant—
And the man with *no* set snoozes.

Strain in time till the big bells chime,
Then break for the tepid shower;
Rub and dress . . . And it's my best guess
The day is utterly sour!

—HAROLD WILLARD GLEASON

A MODERN ART

"WELL, George," I said to George Hopkins one Saturday afternoon in the club in Forty-fourth Street, "I'll go with you to your Museum of Modern Art, provided it's not too far away. Where is it?"

"It's just round the corner," said George; so we got our hats and coats and started for the door.

He had been wanting me to go to this museum with him for some time, in spite of the fact that I never go to museums when I am at home. Abroad I go continually, finding it an almost necessary adjunct to keeping up with American gossip; I used to think the Louvre was very good, also, for theatre and ship news, though of course there is no place like the Cluny for furniture sales.

In the hall I heard George say in a monotone to the doorman, "Elmer, do you know where the Museum of Modern Art is?"

Elmer didn't know, but he thought we could find it in the telephone book.

"Look here, George," I said, "don't you *know* where it is?"

"Not exactly," said George. "It's on Fifth Avenue, though. Just a minute while I get the number from the telephone book."

But it wasn't in the telephone book, either as a Museum of Modern Art, or an Art Museum of Modern, or a Modern Art Museum of. It occurred to me later that George might have been looking in a last year's book, but at the time it seemed conclusive.

"I'll ask Maurice at the theatre-ticket desk," said George. "He knows all about things like that."

Maurice ran through two or three little red books and finally had to raise his hands in defeat. "The nearest thing I have is 'Earl Carroll's Sketch Book.'"

George thanked him. "We'll just ask a traffic cop," said George. "They know everything."

YOU don't realize how big these traffic cops are until you walk out to one and bring up the matter of art. From the sidewalk they seem hardly more than life-size; they are dwarfed by the surrounding buildings until they seem scarcely taller than a man. Even if you get out to them and broach some he-topic you will probably find that you are looking about at his collar, which isn't so bad. But bring up a question of art, and you will see his

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collar lift up in front of you as if he were an elevator-boy, leaving you looking approximately at his badge. This subject is about an eighth of an inch short of contempt of court; I feel that they would a good deal rather talk about rattles for the baby.

We walked out to one of them. I could see his chin just below the brim of my hat. "Can you direct me to the Museum of Modern Art?" said George, putting his shoulders back.

He didn't say anything and I looked up and saw that his eyes were resting in some surprise on the driver of a Ford sedan. This man had started to make a right turn, then changed his mind, and was now swinging round to the left. Our policeman watched him apparently with more and more surprise, his hands hanging down at his sides in great calmness; he even pushed George and me gently aside in order to see better. Then the driver, finding that the street ran only one way, tried to make a complete turn and was blocked by the car in front; then he slipped into reverse and started to back out. Our policeman strolled over to him, put one foot on his running board, and said to him sweetly amid a raucous din of impatient horns, "Why don't you just whisper to me where you're trying to go? Maybe I can help you."

I pulled George away hurriedly; I felt sure that this man didn't want to be bothered about art.

WE went up a block or two and found one who seemed a good deal smaller, though this may have been an hallucination because of the French Building.

"Art, heh?" he said, looking hard at George.

"Modern art," I corrected him.

"Take a Number Four bus and get off at Eighty-fourth Street," he shouted, about as persuasively as our old top-sergeant suggesting that we try a squads-right.

"That's the Metropolitan, isn't it?" said George.

"Well, that's what you want, isn't it?"

"Why, of course that's what we want, George," I said, and once more I pulled George to the sidewalk. "Now look here, old-timer," I said, "a man gets fed up with this sort of thing after a while. Unless you can produce your Museum of Modern Art—"

"Here's Thomas Cook," said George, "he'll tell us."

But Mr. Cook had shut up shop and gone home.

"I'll ask Information," said George, hopelessly. "I know she won't tell us, but I don't want you to think I'm not doing everything in my power."

We found a telephone round the corner and George called Information.

"Will you give me the address of the Museum of Modern Art on Fifth Avenue?" said George.

"The add-ress of the Museum of Modern Art on Fifth Avenue?" asked Information.

"Yes," said George.

"I am sorry, sir, but I am not allowed to give out add-resses."

"But, my dear girl," said George, "this is a museum. They don't mind if people know where it is."

This created a long silence, then Information replied, "I am sorrry, sir, but I am not allowed to give out add-resses."

George hung up. "There you are," he replied. "You can't get anything out of them."

"George," I said, "would you really like to know where the Museum of Modern Art is?"

"You don't mean that you know!" said George belligerently.

"Lend me that nickel," I said, "and let a man phone that can phone."

He handed me the nickel, though he wasn't much interested.

"Information, please," I said. "Listen to this, George, you who have said I hadn't a way with women—Information, can you give me the number of the Museum of Modern Art at five hundred and ten Fifth Avenue?"

"Five hundred and ten?" said George.

I waved him to be quiet, for Information was walking round to the front of this trap and sniffing at the trigger. Then she spoke:

"There is no Museum of Modern Art listed at five one oh Fifth Avenue, sir. There is a Museum of Modern Art at seven thrrrree oh Fifth Avenue, if that is the one you mean."

"That's the baby!" I cried with perhaps pardonable vulgarity.

—BERRY FLEMING

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During the past five years there has been an increase of 38 percent in the number of fatalities at grade crossings, but there has been a perceptible decrease in such accidents due to trains striking automobiles. The number of crossing accidents due to automobiles striking trains has increased 135 percent.—*New York Central Lines magazine.*

And there's nothing that makes rolling stock so mad.

STORIES OF TODAY

I—MODERNISM

A bon-ton club in Paris
Recently served sausages
Scented with attar of roses.

When the news circulated
Throughout the capital,
Conservative chefs
Wept bitterly.

II—FASTIDIOUSNESS

Mrs. Ethel Calvert,
Society bride,
Refused to be married
Until the carpet in the church
Where the ceremony was held
Was changed from red to blue.

She was wearing a blue frock
With which the red clashed.

III—INDELICACY

When John Verboon,
The town bootlegger,
Was jailed by federal agents,
A petition asking for his release
And signed by one hundred citizens
Was presented to the court.
The court indelicately
Made public the petition signatures.

Local church members
Were much embarrassed.

IV—EFFICIENCY

When Governor Sampson
Of Kentucky
And his Lieutenant Governor
Had to leave the state
For a short time,
Senator Edward Waler
Was appointed Acting Governor.

And when Governor Sampson
returned,
Three hours later,
He found the Acting Governor
Had already appointed
Twenty-two new colonels.

V—COINCIDENCE

When an automobile raffle
For the benefit of a Children's Home
Netted only $3.60 for the Home,
Police arrested Mrs. Heineman.
The promoter.

They found she had collected
$1,466.90 for tickets,
And that her husband,
By a peculiar coincidence,
Had won the automobile.

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THE ART GALLERIES

A Good Many Americans and a Few Visitors—Matisse in English

THOMAS BENTON is one of the interesting Americans, colorful in his life, habits, and art, in a manner not seen on these shores so frequently as the crease-and-wrinkle school. Benton has been a rebel spending most of his life reporting the commonplace tragedy of reality. For a time his offering was the stark and uncouth native of his own environs, the Ozark mountains. During his sojourn in the East he has turned to the pioneers, working mainly with an eye to murals and wall spaces. His latest pictures, now on view at the Delphic Studios, represent still another phase.

We find in these later canvases less of the insurgent and more of the artist. Benton seems to have come to some sort of terms with reality and to have grown content with things as they are, no longer believing that he can mold the ugly human nearer his heart's desire by mere ridicule. What is left is a good deal of emotion, mainly atmospheric, of the sort that a Burchfield is made of. In his "Water Tank," a simple sketch of the Texas plain, there is the same kind of accurate mood that distinguishes a study of Ohio town life by Burchfield. In his "Cattle Loading," there is a slight bend toward the classic forms on which he was raised, plus his hard reporting. We find "Horses," "End of the Grass," and the two studies mentioned much more pleasing and a higher form than the splayed-out kodak-like composition, "Coke Plant."

It is a good show for those interested in the painting that clings closest to our own soil.

GUY PÈNE DU BOIS closes his exhibit at Kraushaar this Saturday. Du Bois belongs to a school that flourished at the peak of the Bellows and Henri period, and has gradually lost favor with the changing tastes. He has kept on with the forms that brought him his success, the well-handled foreign scene done with a dash of disdain. Du Bois is a fine workman and, except now and then in his spacing, knows things that many of the younger school never bothered to learn.

A QUAINT exhibit out of the past is the show of Eustace Stoenesco at the Durand-Ruel Galleries, which also closes Saturday. It falls somewhere between Boudin and Whistler and hardly seems to belong to our shores. The painter is a Rumanian, come here with badges and letters, having painted his much-travelled queen and royalty. Durand-Ruel, always firm believers in the law of compensation, have hung a beautiful Renoir in the entrance foyer. This is well worth your time.

A TRIP through the bewildering galleries of the Independents' show is a task, and a task that should be undertaken only by those who love art. We find very little pleasure in the expedition and can easily understand how the affair all these years has been used mainly as the butt of the professional humorists. The good is mixed with the merely pathological; hanging the pictures alphabetically furnishes a fairness, perhaps, in a small sense, but it does scant duty to art or its appreciation.

There the show is, however—in the Grand Central Palace this year, since the Waldorf is torn down—serving whatever purpose it can. The alcoves are boxed off much as in the old days, and somehow there is no change of heart or atmosphere. The John Reed Club has contributed a large cartoon on the clubbing of the unemployed by the police, or "pummelling" as the *Times* has it. This is all in the spirit of fun, and so contemporary that much of it is still in the sketch stage. There are others of the same sort, mainly against the prohibition affair, and all these boys become very savage with their philippics. As we grow older we doubt if art can champion anything save beauty. The soap box and the cartoon are more effective mediums for propaganda than the square of canvas.

Our catalogue notes as now viewed point to what resembles a special Kuniyoshi exhibit. Of the painting we like best, there was a decided leaning toward this young American. Shimizu shows his influence decidedly, and there is similar kinship in the work of Rinnosuke Kato, Chuzo Tamotzu, and Bumpei Usui. Claggett Wilson has one of his formalized peasants, a great relief to come upon in his sector. Maurer has two of his latest developments. Kantor shows a good deal of the Picasso strain not evident in his last year's work, and John Graham has two of his familiar abstractions. Of the primitives, usually the most interesting of this heterogeneous mass, there are not so many as in former years. We liked the hunting scene of Richard L. Hubbard, and also the color in his setter dogs. Iskantor might be mentioned in passing, and Olive Benson for her still-life in the early Derain manner.

ANOTHER art book comes along from the Maud and Chester Dale series: "Matisse," by Henry McBride. It is a brief and clear explanation of the great Frenchman, written by one who seems to have gone many places, met people, and seen things. It is devoid of flummery and those fancy empty phrases that mean so much to the ordinary art chronicler and his family but nothing to anyone else. We would have liked more text, even if at a sacrifice of some of the blank pages or pictures, as the latter were often not too well reproduced. It is a valuable item, as there are no other Matisse volumes in English that we know of.

HERE AND THERE: Yasuo Kuniyoshi is at Daniel's for a few weeks with his latest work. . . . Alexander Warshawsky and Irwin Hoffman will be at the Milch Gallery for the next fortnight. . . . Childe Hassam is having an exhibit at the Women's University Club during March.

Closing this Saturday: Paintings of wildflowers by Cecile Hulse-Matschat and Mary Elwes at the Art Center. . . . Paintings by Jacques La Grange at the Fifty-sixth Street Galleries. . . . Frederick K. Detwiller in four mediums at the same gallery. . . . A black-and-white show at the G. R. D. Studio.

—M. P.

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RECENT BOOKS

Spring Song—Psychic Murders—A Shrewd Satire—Light on Emily Dickinson—The Words of the Tiger

IF the constabulary force of the city had the conscience of a mosquito, it would barge into the bookshops and burn all their copies of "Down in the Valley." It is—and don't misunderstand me—a good clean book, but there are influences that are worse than immorality. That the publishers should bring out the book at this season of the year shows malicious intent; for H. W. Freeman's new novel, his first since "Joseph and His Brethren," is saturated with the most insidious and lovely seduction—the old call of the soil, the *libido* for the garden.

On the surface, this dangerous book is an innocent and ingratiating thing. It is the adventures of a young man who buys a weekend cottage in the country and finds in his small retreat not only romance but that soul-satisfaction which lurks as a hope in the heart of every man when he buys a package of garden seeds.

Mr. Freeman's descriptions of the making of a garden should be suppressed, especially during these fatal months when the catalogues of Messrs. Burpee and Dreer are undermining the morale of owners of country places. His scenes of English country life are enough to break the hearts of residents of Long Island, Westchester, and Connecticut. For instance, he speaks casually of his hero's success with winter broccoli, lettuce, and cabbage; and he talks frequently of the bitter-sweet, nutty flavor of home-brewed beer. He glibly says that roses may be had for a little weeding. What about the aphis, Mr. Freeman?

Beneath all this lovely atmosphere, there is a plot in "Down in the Valley," and nice, restrained, natural country types. To me, however, the beauty of the book lies in its persuasive pictures of the countryside. It is now a best-seller and so it is spreading its deceitful doctrine of spring gardening. Will the readers who are enchanted by Mr. Freeman's Spring Song please remember that the first radish is also the first step on the road to perdition?

THE literary temperament in its amatory aspect forms the theme of two new English novels. Mr. Osbert Sitwell, in "The Man Who Lost Himself," treats of an emotional tragedy poetically and mystically. His book, whether you like it immoderately or remain cold to its strange quality, is an unusual performance. It is an odd mixture of literary essay and mystery story. Only Mr. Sitwell's mystery concerns psychic murders and the dark melodrama of the soul. By writing of his poet, Tristram (a doomed name), as though he were a real person, Mr. Sitwell holds him constantly and unswervingly before you so that you have the feeling of reading not a novel but a biography. This clarity of vision on Mr. Sitwell's part is all the more remarkable because, with no break in the credibility of his narrative, he goes from the believable past into the fantastic future. It is an eerie tale, with an odd tang of mysticism mingled with a sly wit. Your enjoyment of it depends on the capacity of your imagination.

"PENDING HEAVEN," by William Gerhardi, is wickedly clever. A literary young man goes hunting for the ideal woman and, naturally, gets himself involved in a lot of silly and uncomfortable love affairs. Mr. Gerhardi makes faces at the institutions of Bohemianism and Free Love—subjects that have become almost as sacred as Motherhood or Patriotism. His hero, who fancies himself as a romantic young man, is gently booted through a series of foolish escapades and exposed in every paragraph as a selfish and shallow *poseur*. It is smart, shrewd satire because Mr. Gerhardi has the slight streak of snobbishness necessary to produce the true satirist.

THE run of biographies continues; and this week there are a batch of good ones. Josephine Pollitt's "Emily Dickinson" is as charming as any novel. Miss Pollitt, with fine sympathy, explains Miss Dickinson's timidity as an artist and her shyness as a woman. The most noteworthy chapters are written about Miss Dickinson's unhappy love affair with Lieutenant Hunt, which is treated with the dignity such a human drama deserves. In this book, too, Miss Dickinson is less the blighted spinster than in most of her portraits. If the environment of New England suppressed her and stunted her fullest development, it also endowed her with the wanton, rebellious strain that follows every good Puritan like a *doppelganger*.

That other side of the feminine Puritan character is found in "An American Jezebel," by Helen Augur. Anne Hutchinson, the terror of the early Massachusetts colony, is the subject of this biography. In case—and oh, the shame of it!—you have forgotten your early American history, Anne was the first of our crop of female Messiahs. After reading the story of her high doings among the godly, you cannot blame the Puritans for their belief in witchcraft. Anne was a girl who would have made Freud spend a couple of sleepless nights, and you are rather glad the early Fathers took the easiest way out and made away with her.

The Wonder Man of the week is "William Pitt, the Younger." It is the sort of biography I like, because it is filled with anecdotes. P. W. Wilson, the author, is so highly informed and so sure of his ground that he can afford to write both agreeably and objectively. I liked best the chapter about George III, and also the one about Catherine the Great. Through the puppet show of European politics of the eighteenth century, Mr. Wilson's Pitt moves as serenely and proudly as a doctor making the rounds in a psychopathic ward.

As for "Georges Clemenceau," it is told in the conservative French biographic style. Its author, Jean Martet, was secretary to Clemenceau for many years, and the book is a succession of dialogues, faithfully preserved by M. Martet. The volume is a source of a dozen future biographies and a hundred books on Europe during the war. It is beautifully free from rhapsody or distortion, and its tone, thank goodness, was set by Clemenceau himself, so that the rugged statesman emerges with the vividness of an unretouched photograph. —A. W. S.

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It isn't often that I have a chance to record the alliance of Chicago and New York men and maids. However, it was this week that saw the nuptials of Mrs. Elliot Cowdin Bacon of New York and your Paul E. Gardner. Mrs. Bacon, of course, is frightfully well known here, though Mr. Gardner is an unknown quantity.—*New York society dispatch in the Chicago Tribune.*

He'll bear watching.

AMONG THE NEW BOOKS

Fiction

THE MAN WHO LOST HIMSELF, by Osbert Sitwell (*Coward-McCann*). The tragedy of a poet, told in brilliant, imaginative style.

DOWN IN THE VALLEY, by H. W. Freeman (*Henry Holt*). Ingratiating and charming novel of English country life.

PENDING HEAVEN, by William Gerhardi (*Harper*). Smart satire on Free Love and Bohemianism.

THE 42ND PARALLEL, by John Dos Passos (*Harper.*) Cross-section of American life, brilliantly written and beautifully constructed. An important achievement.

THE GREAT MEADOW, by Elizabeth Madox Roberts (*Viking*). Life, with a background of old Kentucky.

RETREAT, by C. R. Benstead (*Century*). The dark spring of 1918, told from the point of view of the British soldier.

A VOYAGE TO PURILIA, by Elmer Rice (*Cosmopolitan*). Incredible adventures on a planet strangely like our own.

THE WOMAN OF ANDROS, by Thornton Wilder (*A. & C. Boni*). For those who like Thornton Wilder.

JUDGE AND FOOL, by Altalena (Vladimir Jabotinsky) (*Liveright*). The story of Samson and Delilah made into an unusually fine novel.

A HUNGRY YOUNG LADY, by Marian Spitzer (*Liveright*). Smart dig at stage-struck ladies.

AUSTRALIA FELIX, by Henry Handel Richardson (*Norton*). The early life of Richard Mahony. Those who read "Ultima Thule" will need no further recommendation.

BITTER WATERS, by Heinrich Hauser (*Liveright*). The love story of a German sailor and a Mexican girl told in vivid, powerful prose.

PAY DAY, by Nathan Asch (*Payson & Clarke*). Sordid doings of a New York clerk on his night out. Effectively written.

PURE GOLD, by O. E. Rölvaag (*Harper*). Prairie tragedy of the gold lust. Beautifully written, of course.

THE GOOD SOLDIER: SCHWEIK, by Jaroslav Hasek (*Doubleday, Doran*). The adventures of an idiot in the Austrian army, and a comic masterpiece.

IRON MAN, by W. R. Burnett (*Dial Press*). Blow-by-blow story of the career of a prizefighter. Very exciting.

"— & Co.," by Jean-Richard Bloch, translated by C. K. Scott Moncrieff (*Simon & Schuster*). A drama of men and machines, written in the finest tradition of the French novel.

ALL OUR YESTERDAYS, by H. M. Tomlinson (*Harper*). The story of the birth of the war, splendidly told by a fine journalistic mind. Some magnificent writing.

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EMILY DICKINSON, by Josephine Pollitt (*Harper*). Sympathetic story of New England's poet, with many new facts about her life.

WILLIAM PITT, THE YOUNGER, by P. W. Wilson (*Doubleday, Doran*). Not only a good biography of Pitt, but a splendid picture of eighteenth-century Europe.

AN AMERICAN JEZEBEL: THE LIFE OF ANNE HUTCHINSON, by Helen Augur (*Brentano*). Flighty doings of a lady Messiah in the early Massachusetts colony.

THE PARIS GUN, by Henry W. Miller (*Cape & Smith*). The complete story of that almost mythical gun with the seventy-five-mile range. Good reading.

HUMANISM AND AMERICA, edited by Norman Foerster (*Farrar & Rinehart*). All about a cultural challenge.

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BALZAC: THE MAN AND THE LOVER, by Francis Gribble (*Dutton*). Mostly concerned with his love affairs.

THE DEVIL, by Maurice Garçon and Jean Vinchon (*Dutton*). The true story of Satan, tracing his career from a serpent to a neurosis.

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GOOD-BYE TO ALL THAT, by Robert Graves (*Cape & Smith*). A poet writes his autobiography. Its candor, succinct writing, and sharp thinking make it one of the best of the current books.

IS SEX NECESSARY?, by James Thurber and E. B. White (*Harper*). A more than funny burlesque of those sex books.

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As Reported by ALVIN AUSTIN

al jolson:

Here is an Al Jolson paragraph with nary a word of mammy, sonny boy or Ruby Keeler. Which is as unique as Reuben's Al Jolson Tartar Sandwich, one of the season's best sellers. It packs the sort of wallop you'd expect of anything named for the Singing Fool.

bebe daniels:

It's a far cry from Miss Daniels' caballeros and haciendas à la Rio Rita to Reuben's French pancakes à la Russe, done to a crisp brown, filled with caviar and sour cream. And yet we can easily imagine this rare morsel playing an important Mexican rôle; is there a more desirable ransom for hungry bandits? Is there, Bebe?

raymond guion:

This blond boy made cradles famous and is now doing the same for transgression. His portrayal of passions (particularly hunger) is so vivid in "Young Sinners", that we have many complaints from customers who find they can't get here fast enough after the show to order Reuben's Deerfoot Farm Sausages Gastronome, the desire for which Mr. Guion's acting in the not always cold Adirondacks specifically incites.

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Concerning the good ship Britannia herself, Dickens had this to say! "There she is! all eyes are turned to where she lies . . . every finger is pointed in the same direction, and murmurs of interest and admiration as 'How beautiful she looks!' 'How trim she is!'—are heard on every side." And he spoke of her officers, "smartly dressed," and of her "huge red funnel, smoking bravely."

Indeed, all America shared Dickens' enthusiasm at the first of all the *steam* ships to establish regular passenger and shipping contact with Europe.

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